

**TOWN OF DARIEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman Evonne Klein; David Bayne;  
Callie Sullivan; Linda Santarella; Seth Morton

**STAFF:** Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

**OTHERS:** Kevin Cunningham, Chairman, Advisory Board of Health; Peter Hovell,  
Chairman, Weed Beach Building Committee; Peter Truebner, Police  
Commissioner; Duane Lovello, Chief of Police; Mike Muney and  
Katherine Seidman, representatives of The Depot

**CALL TO ORDER**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman Klein called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman Klein asked for questions. Kevin Cunningham, Chairman, Advisory Board of Health went to the podium and spoke briefly of the need for money that will be used for the purchase of software for automation of information sharing.

**REPORT from The Depot**

Mike Muney and Katherine Seidman, students at Darien High School and committee members of The Depot, reported that they did work at Kiwanis where they resurfaced their pool table, and fixed up their counters.

They spoke of 'Cop Shop' where youth officers come in and speak to kids. They become familiar with the cops around town and it develops into a comfort level.

They spoke about "Pennies for The Depot" whereby cans are placed around town for people to drop in their loose change.

They are working on a 'cakeless bake sale'. One does not have to bake or purchase a store-baked good. The Depot is asking people to donate the money it would cost to bake or buy. This initiative will raise money for their causes.

## **REPORT from Peter Hovell, Weed Beach Building Committee**

Committee Chair, Peter Hovell, presented the plan for the construction for the Weed Beach bathhouse. He brought charts for viewing and discussion.

He explained that there will be a lower roof line, and no dormers.

The building will be resistant to flood. The floor plan will be the same.

However, the roof, foundation and façade will be different.

He went on to say that the Playground will be ready by May 31. He said that additional dollars are needed for safety issues.

Power lines to go underground. The sewer line will go to the sailing building.

The playground will use Long Island sand, and fencing is needed.

The request is \$50,000 more than originally asked for.

Mr. Bayne asked if the expense for sand and fencing is part of the \$98,000 overall cost.

Mr. Hovell said 'yes'.

Mr. Hovell asked for a consideration to do all trails at a cost of \$67,000. The trails are bad, he pointed out. They would like to re-do all trails in the spring.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> SELECTWOMAN'S REPORT**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectwoman Klein began speaking on legislation tracking

- Affordable Housing legislation
- 28 proposed bills
- Amendments to 830g

She reported the morning project meeting regarding the construction schedule will be a stakeholders meeting bringing the people up to date. The project is expected to be completed in two months.

She went on to say that Governor Rell presents the State Budget on February 4. It will be a more efficient State government. There will be less spending, and there will be cutbacks to close the budget deficit.

Ms. Klein said that the performance measurement meeting took place last Saturday. She thanked Mr. Kilduff and all department heads for their hard work and efforts.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

Mr. Kilduff spoke about the 2010 Census. He went on to talk about a partnership with the census bureau to find people who can assist in collecting data in Darien. The jobs pay between \$14.25 to \$21.75 per hour.

He went on to say that the Affordable Housing Plan is in the process of being rewritten.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- \*\* **1<sup>ST</sup> SELECTWOMAN KLEIN MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE ORDER OF NEW BUSINESS ITEMS.**
- \*\* **MRS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

d) Transfer

**TRANSFER REQUEST**

**From:**

**To:**

<b>Acct. No.</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>		<b>Acct. No.</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
10704000-86600	Contingency	2,755.00		10108011-82035	Software Maint. & Support	2,755.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,755.00</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,755.00</b>

- \*\* **MR. MORTON MOVED TO APPROVE THAT THE ABOVE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IS APPROVED FOR RERERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE TOTALING \$2,755.00.**
- \*\* **MRS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

a) Discuss and Take Action on Repairs to Police Department Facilities  
There is a total cost of \$71,435.00

There was discussion on the cost of necessary repairs and it was decided that the most important repairs will be approved this evening. The list includes:

- Doors – exterior doors
- Phones – replace system
- UPS system – replace 24 batteries
- Gas tank – pressure test
- Fire Alarm – panel
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- Boiler room – water heater insurance upgrade
- Elevator – rebuild seal
- Plumbing

**\*\* MR. MORTON MOVED TO APPROVE THAT THE BOARD OF FINANCE APPROVE A TRANSFER REQUEST TO COVER THE COST OF THE ABOVE REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,000.**

**\*\* MRS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b) Discuss and Take Action on Creation of Darien Police Department K-9 Unit

The upkeep of the dogs, their food, and overtime pay for officers has an annual cost of \$9,000.00

**\*\* MR. MORTON MOVED TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF FINANCE APPROVE A TRANSFER TO COVER THE COST FOR THE CREATION OF THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT AT AN ANNUAL COST OF \$9,000.00**

**\*\* MRS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

c) Discuss and Take Action on Availability of Assessment Information on Town's Website

No discussion.

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

No report.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENTS**

a) Consider and take action on the following appointment:

David Pollet(R) as a member of the Monuments & Ceremonies Commission, be appointed for the term beginning on 12/1/08 and expiring on 11/30/11.

**\*\* MR. MORTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID POLLET AS A MEMBER OF THE MONUMENTS & CEREMONIES COMMISSION FOR THE TERM BEGINNING 12/1/08 AND EXPIRING ON 11/30/11.**

**\*\* MRS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**FY2009-10 BUDGET REVIEW**

- \*\* 1<sup>st</sup> SELECTWOMAN KLEIN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA: EXECUTIVE SESSION: FY2009-10 BUDGET REVIEW.**
- \*\* MRS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

February 3, 2009	Planning & Zoning Planning Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
February 9, 2009	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
February 10, 2009	Planning & Zoning General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
February 10, 2009	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
February 10, 2009	Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
February 11, 2009	Parks and Recreation Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* 1<sup>ST</sup> SELECTWOMAN KLEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- \*\* MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Hohlweck  
Telesco Secretarial Services