

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 25, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Jayme Stevenson; Robert Richards, Susan Marks, Charles Koons

STAFF: Kate Clarke Buch, Town Administrator

OTHERS: Bruce Orr, Board of Finance; Flip Huffard, Chairman of Darien Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters and members of the Advisory Commission's Water Quality Task Force (Dave Dever, Frank Kemp), Sarah Crosby, Harbor Watch

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment – None

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Stevenson read her report and provided it for the record, as follows:

First Selectman's Report
7/25/16

- 7/13: WestCOG staff and representatives from ConnDOT and UConn met with Jeremy, Ed and I to walk the Post Road in the downtown to determine the need for a Road Safety Audit. Several pedestrian concerns were discussed between Sedgwick and I-95. I will continue to work with WestCOG and the state to gain support for crosswalk and signal enhancements.
- Annual Road Repaving will begin on 8/4 and will include the following roads (see attached)
- If you haven't seen it yet... please note the roadway modifications that have been completed at the intersection of Leroy Avenue and Middlesex Road. This project was initiated to improve pedestrian safety for people (particularly students) crossing Middlesex Road.
- Kip Koons and Rusty Shrinern (former MMS Building Committee Chair) have generously agreed to work on a building committee process document that can be provided to each building committee. Next meeting we will discuss the "permanent" vs. "project based" building committee idea and will have a committee charge document for you to review.
- Contract documents for Stamford EMS are being drafted. The use of 701 Post Road requires a Special Permit Application to Planning & Zoning. We are targeting a September 1 Darien Paramedic start date but the facility issue will likely not be resolved by then.
- 7/19: The consolidated Services Working Group met to choose a consultant for a review of the town and BOE healthcare plans to see if consolidation or self-funding would provide fiscal efficiencies. The BOE also asked for the scope to include a review of the CT State healthcare plan which some of their employees are asking for.
- 7/22: ConnDOT and prospective contractors visited the Noroton Heights Train Station for a pre-bid review of the platform replacement project.

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Town of Darien Department of Public Works
2016 Summer Paving Program
Press Release

The Town of Darien paving program for the summer of 2016 is as follows:

<u>STREET NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>START MILLING</u>	<u>FINISH PAVING</u>
Old Kings Highway South	Boston Post Road	Locust Hill Road	August 4	August 12
Quaker Road	Boston Post Road	Old Kings Highway S	August 5	August 10
Cross Road	Boston Post Road	Old Kings Highway S	August 8	August 11
Queens Lane	Old Kings Highway S	Cul de Sac	August 8	August 11
Andrews Drive	Brushy Hill Road S	Red Coat Pass	August 9	August 12
Middlesex Road	Bittersweet Road	Hollow Tree Ridge	August 9	August 15
Salisbury Road	Pembroke Road	Brookside Road	August 10	August 16
Pembroke Road	Mansfield Avenue	Brookside Road	August 11	August 17
Randall Street	Noroton Avenue	Edgerton Street	August 12	August 17
Hollow Tree Ridge Road	Red Cedar Road	Linden Avenue	August 12	August 18
Stanley Road	8 Stanley Road	Middlesex Road	August 15	August 18
Sedgwick Avenue	Boston Post Road	Leroy Avenue	August 15	August 19
Prospect Avenue	Mansfield Avenue	Brookside Road	August 16	August 22
Sylvan Road	Birch Road	Brookside Road	August 17	August 23

Preparatory work will precede paving on all of the above roads. Dates listed above include milling and paving. Road surfaces will have raised structures during these dates. Please avoid these roads if possible during these times or use extra caution if you must travel on these roads. The above schedule is based on favorable weather conditions. Emergency access will be available at all times. Town of Darien police officers will be present to direct traffic and assist area residents during construction. Driveway access will be limited during paving operations. However, no single driveway should be closed for more than an hour. On street parking will be suspended during paving operations. Minor traffic delays are likely. Please plan your travels accordingly. Please call the Department of Public Works at 656-7346 for further information.

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Buch reported that she expects the website update to go live on Monday August 1st. She also advised there appears to be progress on Hecker and hopes it will be ready to go to the RTM for approval in September.

New Business

Discuss and Take Action on:

- a) Discuss and Take Action to approve updated Pension Plan Documents and Recommend Same to RTM.

First Selectman Stevenson advised that the Board of Finance has already reviewed this action, so approval and recommendation by the Board tonight is administrative.

Ms. Buch noted that there were no benefit changes to the plans themselves. She noted one administrative change was that if an employee requested an estimate of their pension benefit estimate, one would be provided by the actuary at the plan's expense, after that there would be a fee. This will help reduce many multiple requests from employees.

Mr. Koons asked about the change of town code. Ms. Buch replied that no further action is needed. Mr. Koons brought up the cap on a pension, Ms. Buch said this was something that is done separately and the changes seen are referencing the language being corrected where inconsistencies had been seen.

First Selectman Stevenson asked Mr. Bruce Orr from the Board of Finance if he had any questions. Mr. Orr advised the Board of Finance has reviewed the redlined documents and they found no issues.

First Selectmen then read the resolutions for the record.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN POLICE PENSION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien (the "Town") maintains the Town of Darien Police Pension Plan (the "Police Plan");

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13.01 of the Police Plan, the Police Plan may be amended by the Town's Board of Selectmen (the "Board") with approval of the Board of Finance and a Representative Town Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board has voted to approve an amendment and restatement of the Police Plan, effective as July 1, 2016, for the purpose of updating the Police Plan in order to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the aforementioned amendment and restatement of the Police Plan, effective as of July 1, 2016, is hereby approved.

**** MR. KOONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**
**** MR. RICHARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING
THE AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF
THE TOWN OF DARIEN
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Town of Darien (the “Town”) maintains the Town of Darien Employee Retirement Plan (the “Plan”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 50-181 of the Town of Darien Code of Ordinances, the Plan may be amended by the Town’s Board of Selectmen (the “Board”) with approval of the Board of Finance and a Representative Town Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board has voted to approve an amendment and restatement of the Plan, effective as of July 1, 2016, for the purpose of updating the Plan in order to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the aforementioned amendment and restatement of the Plan, effective as of July 1, 2016, is hereby approved.

**** MR. KOONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.**
**** MR. RICHARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b) Transfer:

Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters

From:

To:

Acct. Number	Account Name	Amount		Acct. Number	Account Name	Amount
10704000-8660	Contingency	17,700		10508011-82007	Professional Services	17,700
	TOTAL	17,700			TOTAL	17,700

First Selectman Stevenson advised that at the time the request was received, it went to the Board of Finance first and a handout contains detailed answers of questions asked by Board of Finance members.

Mr. Flip Huffard gave a summary of the proposed project, which was to improve water quality in coastal waters in Darien and answered questions from the Board, with the assistance of Ms. Sarah Crosby from Harbor Watch.

First Selectman Stevenson noted that she received a memo from Ed Gentile and David Knauf from the Health Department advocating support on this topic.

Mr. Bruce Orr, from the Board of Finance advised that they had voted 4 to 3 to conditionally approve the transfer. He said from their very robust dialogue, the 4 who voted yes, thought the Board of Selectmen should make the final decision. The 3 dissenting members thought there were too many open issues and were concerned, primarily with, "what's next" and what would be the long-term financial impact on the town.

- ** **MR. KOONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST.**
- ** **MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA REVIEW

First Selectman Stevenson wanted to place a few items on the agenda. She asked Ed Gentile or John Lundeen to give an update on the upper Gorhams Pond project; requested a brief discussion of scheduling for the meeting room in the former Children's Library and a preliminary conversation be had on potential uses for the Edgerton property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Special Session of July 12, 2016

**** MR. KOONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.
** MR. RICHARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Regular Meeting of July 12, 2016.

Mr. Koons submitted changes to Ms. Buch.

**** MR. KOONS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.
** MR. RICHARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

July 26, 2016 Board of Education 7:30 p.m.
August 8, 2016 Board of Selectmen 7:00 p.m.
August 16, 2016 Board of Finance 7:30 p.m.
June 28, 2016 Board of Selectmen 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

**** MR. RICHARDS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
** MR. KOONS SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Mink
Telesco Secretarial Services