

Minutes of Public Health and Safety Committee

October 26th, 2015

In attendance: Laura Mosher, Monica McNally, Jack Whitehead, Gary Swenson, Brian Rayhill, Bill Peters, Mac Patrick and Nina Miller. Reporters Dave Gulliacchi from Darien Patch and Martin Cassidy from Darien News were there also for the first resolution discussed. Missing from the meeting were John Dweck, Cassandra Hegarty and Holly Schultz-Amatruda.

Mac called the meeting to order at 7:03.

I. Resolution 15-20 Darien Police Association Contract with the Town of Darien.

a. This is a 4 year contract from 2014 to 2018. As noted, “the cost of the negotiated contract is well within the amount reserved in the Town Budget.”

b. Ideal Squad. This part of the resolution means that instead of requiring both a Lieutenant and a Sargent on site at a scene, as well as 4 officers (Ideal Squad), it would be fine to have one or the other and 5 officers. This is a cost savings as overtime for a police officer is less than that for a Lieutenant or Sargent.

c. New hires will not be eligible for payout of any unused accrued sick time. This is the same for all new town employees.

d. With regard to health insurance, the new contract removes expensive plan options and moves the membership into a high deductible plan.

All members voted in favor and acceptance of the above notes.

II. Resolution 15-21 Acceptance of \$40,000 from the Darien Fund for a vehicle purchase to be used by At Home in Darien.

- a. The cost to the town is negligible as the Foundation gives the car to At Home and At Home reimburses the town for gasoline, maintenance, etc. The town pays the insurance and also re-purposes the old car. There will be no need for insurance for another driver as no new driver is needed. The car is a silver Chrysler 300.

All members voted in favor of the above resolution

III. Resolution 15-22 The transfer of the building at 35 LeRoy from the Town of Darien to the Darien Board of Education.

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The members of the PH&S committee discussed this resolution at length including what shape the building is in, what part of the building belongs to which entity, who has access to what part of the building, usages of space, cost, etc. and found we didn't have enough information to vote on this resolution. Jack Whitehead made the motion not to give a report and Monica seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned by Mac at 7:44.

Respectfully submitted

Nina Miller