

MINUTES
OPC MEETING
JULY 17, 2014

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order in Room 206 of Town Hall at 8:36 a.m.

Present were First Selectman, Jayme Stevenson; Board of Education Chairman, Betsy Haggerty-Ross; Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman, Susan Cameron; RTM Moderator, Sarah Seelye; State Representative, Terrie Wood; and Board of Finance Chairman, Liz Mao.

Representative Town Meeting

Mrs. Seelye noted that the RTM committees are on vacation. The RTM will look into updating the Superintendent of Public Works position to Director of Public Works, which would more accurately reflect the current job responsibilities.

There was some discussion of noise and blight issues.

State Representative

Mrs. Wood mentioned that the Special Education sub-committee of the M.O.R.E. Commission is considering rescheduling a meeting planned for August 7th at Norwalk Community Center due to attendance concerns.

Heating and cooling rebates for residents using natural gas have become available and Mrs. Wood will share that information with committee members and constituents.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The Planning & Zoning Commission is working on an Empty Nester Overlay Zone for one acre zoning. Among the possible requirements being considered for developments under this new zone would be a minimum of three acres of land, greater setbacks and the ability to hook into town water and sewers.

Board of Finance

Mrs. Mao stated that the Board of Finance will be making the closing adjustments in August to the fiscal year 2014 accounts. Some capital accounts will be closed out and Bond sales are planned. Review of the Fire Apparatus Reserve account indicates adjustments may need to be made to cover anticipated costs. Mrs. Stevenson will provide a recently updated fire apparatus schedule.

Mrs. Mao attended the first meeting of the Consolidated Services Working Group (CSWG) on July 9th. Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Haggerty-Ross also attended the organizational meeting. A facilitator for the next CSWG is under consideration.

Finally, a meeting is being planned for September to release the results of the Special Education audit.

Board of Education

Mrs. Haggerty-Ross reported that construction on the pavilion at DHS has begun and is likely to continue until November. Administrators will participate in the DAF meetings related to this construction project.

The Board remains active with personnel placement and has begun negotiations with the teachers' union.

First Selectman

Mrs. Stevenson announced that the new Mather Center is scheduled to open on July 21, 2014. There was some discussion of the old senior center building and property.

As a result of recent changes to flood zones, the Board will request the services of Milone & MacBroom to review a small portion of the Goodwives River study. Mrs. Stevenson provided an update on the Board of Selectmen's possible options in dealing with the proposed AT&T cell tower at Ox Ridge Hunt Club. Her numerous attempts to meet with members of the Ox Ridge Hunt Club's Board have not been acknowledged.

Ms. Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting, seconded by Mrs. Seelye and approved unanimously.

Mrs. Seelye motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Haggerty-Ross. By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Leary
Recording Secretary