

MINUTES  
OPERATIONS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 16, 2013

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in Room 206 of Town Hall.

Present were First Selectman, Jayme Stevenson; Board of Education Chairman, Betsy Hagerty-Ross; RTM Moderator, Sarah Seelye and Planning & Zoning Chairman, Joe Spain

**Board of Education**

Mrs. Hagerty-Ross stated that there are a few remaining construction projects being completed at the 35 Leroy Ave. Board of Education administrative offices.

The BOE budget has been approved and the Board continues to address ongoing issues such as special education concerns. BOE representative Clara Sarti recently attended a Special Education Advisory Committee meeting to present the Board's account of special education in the district. Mrs. Hagerty-Ross and Dr. Falcone will speak to the issue of special education in their reports at a future meeting. Mrs. Stevenson suggested that a press release could be an effective way for the BOE to clarify its record on special education.

Mrs. Hagerty-Ross noted that the Board is looking to set the perimeters for the Special Education Advisory Committee to move forward with a new format. The present plan is to have two parent representatives from each school, as well as an out-of-district representative, attend a monthly meeting with the administration and a BOE representative to discuss pertinent topics. The representatives would report back to their PTOs each month, thus keeping open a steady flow of dialogue.

**Planning and Zoning**

Mr. Spain was welcomed as a new member of OPC, replacing Mr. Conze. Mr. Spain reflected on Mr. Conze's valuable contributions to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Likewise, he noted that the new member appointed to the P&Z Commission, Steve Olvany, has valued experience in planning and zoning, some of which is directly related to developments in locations similar to the Federal Realty Corporation property purchased in Noroton Heights.

The status of proposed Affordable Housing projects in town was discussed.

The rebuilding applications for Noroton Bay have been completed. The P&Z Commission did its best to provide for a quick turnaround on these applications.

**RTM**

Mrs. Seelye stated that the RTM held its latest meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013. The RTM approved the Town's budget for FY 2013-2014. Mrs. Seelye noted that the scoreboard being offered to the BOE by the Darien Athletic Foundation will be on the RTM's September agenda since it is part of a package gift, including a proposed concession stand and potential sports fields.

**Board of Finance**

The Town of Darien budget was passed by the RTM.

**First Selectman**

Ms. Stevenson discussed ramifications to the implementation of State Legislation on Regional Councils of Government (COGs); known as House Bill 6629.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 206.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Leary  
Recording Secretary