

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
MULTI-MEDIA ROOM-MULVEY MUNICIPAL CENTER**

First Selectman Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Noel Bishop, Jim Crawford, John Hall III

Also Present: John Rie, Meg Parulis, Nancy Rudek George Ptylik, Jay Sheehan, Joel Maynard, Paul Connelly, Gregg Prevost, Pete Thomas, Kevin Lyon, Marilyn Ozols, Tony Cozza, Loren Baker, John Riggio, Dick Leighton, Residents from Oakridge and Brookwood Drive

1. Town Agreement /Daytime Staffing Proposal – Gregg Prevost-Westbrook Ambulance.

Chief Gregg Prevost, Westbrook Ambulance Association stated that they will no longer be able to provide emergency services on a 24 hour/7 day a week basis without financial assistance from the town. Mr. Prevost further stated that coverage at night would continue to be their responsibility. Mr. Prevost is asking for one paid EMT/Driver, who would be paid by the Town. The part-time positions would be supervised and managed by the Chiefs of Westbrook Ambulance who would be given a stipend, like the current Fire Chiefs receive. Selectman Crawford had concerns about the liability to the Town.

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Crawford, it was

VOTED to table this item to the next Board of Selectmen on February 8th pending further information.

2. Continued Discussion on Water Testing-Oakridge and Brookwood and Bedrock Wells/Landfill-Woodard & Curran, Dick Leighton, John Riggio

First Selectman Bishop stated that at the December 14, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen a unanimous vote was taken to authorize the drilling of bedrock wells at the landfill. Mr. Bishop stated that Woodard and Curran are here to address the questions that have been raised concerning the placement and cost of the bedrock wells. Woodard and Curran presented a visual of a contour map of the landfill showing where the monitoring wells are located, direction of water flow and discussed the results from recent water testing. Woodard and Curran explain that a bedrock investigation can be very expensive with an estimated cost of \$35,000.00 - \$45,000.00. The engineers felt that looking at the water testing results from the homes and the monitoring wells that showed very little lead, that they recommend not drilling the bedrock wells and encouraged the homeowners on Oakridge and Brookwood Drive to have treatment systems installed in their homes.

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Crawford, it was

VOTED unanimous to rescind the vote that was made by the Board of Selectmen on December 14, 2009 authorizing the drilling of bedrock wells at the landfill.

On a motion by Selectman Crawford, seconded First Selectman Bishop, it was

VOTED unanimous to extend the water testing on Pond Meadow, Fishing Brook and Fairview road.

3. Correspondence – Loren Baker/Elimination of Riggio Building Rental Fees-Youth & Family Services.

On a motion by Selectman Crawford, seconded by Selectman Hall III, it was

VOTED 2 in favor 1 abstained (Selectman Bishop abstained) that rental fees for Westbrook Youth & Family Services at the Riggio Building be waived and instead a \$1.00 lease with the Town would be established. WY&FS each year will make a donation of \$1000.00 for repairs. This will become effective July 1, 2010.

4. Appropriations.

a. Software Package – Land use

Loren Baker stated that BMSI came and presented a new software package for the Land use Department. Meg Parulis, Town Planner stated that this software would help the Assistant Assessor to receive updated building permits, provide a checklist database and digital backup of documents. Mr. Baker stated that the \$16,000.00 includes training and five licenses.

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Crawford, it was

VOTED unanimous to appropriate and forward to the Board of Finance in the amount of \$16,000.00 for the purchase of Municipal Geographic Management System software for the Land use Department.

b. Ingraham Building Project – Dennis Hallahan

This item was taken off the table.

c. Harbor Commission – Dredging

John Rie, Chairman, Harbor Commission is requesting a \$75,000 special appropriation for dredging, and that this money be added to the existing \$25,000 in the towns dredging account.

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Crawford, it was

VOTED unanimous to approve and forward to the Board of Finance a request for an appropriation in the amount of \$75,000.00 for dredging.

5. Update-Town Charter.

Selectman Crawford stated that we've two preliminary studies and now we should decide what the next step should be. Mr. Crawford further stated that by state statute you must have a committee in place within 30 days. First Selectman Bishop suggested that a memo go out to the political parties for suggested candidates and also make the public aware. Mr. Crawford stated that one-third of the committee makeup can be elected officials and the balance can be five to fifteen people.

6. Resignations.

First Selectman Bishop stated that Kim Hamely, Environmental Health Tech. has resigned from her position with the Town. The Water Pollution Control Commission suggests that this position gets filled when a full-time Sanitarian is hired.

7. Expirations and Reappointments.

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Crawford, it was

VOTED unanimous to reappoint Marilyn Ozols (D) WPC, term to expire January 1, 2013

8. Appointments.

None.

9. Vacancies and Nominations.

Don Harger (U)- Conservation Commission, remains on the table
Deborah Rie (D) – Town Center Revitalization Commission Alt., remains on the table

Lucille Spanillo (R) – Senior Center Management Committee withdrew her name.

The following vacancies remain posted:

- Retirement Board (2) (D R or U)
- Housing Authority (1) (D R or U)
- Zoning Citation Hearing Officer (1)
- IWWC Alt. (2) (D R or U)
- IWWC(Conservation Rep.) (D R or U)

EDC (1) (D R or U)
ZBA Alt. (1) (D R or U)
Board of Fire Commissioners Alt. (1) (D R or U)
WPCC (2) (D R or U)
Town Center Revitalization (1) (D R or U)
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Conservation Commission (1) (D R or U)
Senior Center Management Committee (2) (D R or U)

10. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Selectman Hall III, seconded by Selectman Crawford, it was

VOTED unanimous to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting 1/11/2010 as filed.

11. First Selectman's Report.

- Eunice Palumbo is retiring on March 1, 2010.
Land use staff wants to review the job description before it gets posted again.
- The February 8th joint meeting with the Board of Finance is changed to Thursday, February 25th to interview the Finance Director Candidates.

12. Road Acceptance of Brittney Lane & Peter's Trail

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Crawford, it was

VOTED unanimous to send to town meeting the acceptance of Brittney Lane and Peter's Trail as town roads as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ATTEST:

Noel Bishop
First Selectman

Jill Brainerd
Administrative Secretary II