

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2010
3:30 P.M. MULTI-MEDIA ROOM
MULVEY MUNICIPAL CENTER**

First Selectman Bishop called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Noel Bishop, James Crawford, John Hall III

Also Present: Tom Maynard, Rich Annino, Tony Cozza, John Riggo, Dick Leighton, Kim Bratz, Darlene Jones, Meg Parulis, Attorney Cassella, Member of the Press

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded Selectman Hall, III it was

VOTED unanimous to add to the agenda the following items:

Appropriation – Public Works \$65,000.00

Status of Youth Center - Rich Annino

Mileage IRS – Treasurer

Status of Youth Center

Rich Annino, Park & Recreation Director explained that a survey was taken of the need of a youth center. Mr. Annino stated that he is receiving calls and letters from parents who really see the need for a youth center. First Selectman Bishop asked if there is existing space in other town buildings. Mr. Annino explained that there are only pockets of time. Selectman Crawford agrees of the need for a youth center and that before we present it to the public, Mr. Annino should do an analysis for a public hearing and make a presentation so the public can see that there is a space problem. Selectman Crawford suggested that Mr. Annino approach Old Saybrook Park & Recreation to see if you can promote the idea to share Old Saybrook's facility.

1. Tom Maynard – Old Mail Trail.

Tom Maynard explained that he needs a permit for the installation of a pipe across Old Mail Trail for the installation of a septic system. Dick Leighton, acting Sanitarian stated that all the paperwork for a proposed Grant of Easement is complete. The Planning Commission will approve it at their meeting Tonight. John Riggio, Public Works Director that a \$2,000.00 cash bond is needed. First Selectman Bishop stated that at the next Board of Selectmen meeting, March 25, 2010 a public hearing will be held for this item and then a town meeting on March 30, 2010.

2. Westbrook Ambulance Ad Hoc Committee.

First Selectman Bishop stated that he has names to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Westbrook Ambulance requests. The Town Attorney advised the Board of Selectmen that a review of their updated financial report, number of calls, a list of members, etc. First Selectman Bishop gave the following names to be on the Ad Hoc Committee:

Steve Czenthe
Paul Connlley
George Pytlik
Dr. Jeff Bernstein
First Selectman Bishop, ex-officio

Selectman Crawford agrees that an Ad Hoc Committee should be formed but would like to see more names.

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

VOTED unanimous to table this item for additional names.

3. Energy Conservation Commission/Recommendations for Membership.

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

VOTED unanimous to approve the names for the Energy Conservation Commission.

Loren Baker	John Britt
John Riggio	Ray Hayes
Meg Parulis	Cheryl Blum
Chris Ehlert	Jay Sheehan
Darlene Briggs	

4. Set Town Meeting Date

The next Town Meeting will be April 1, 2010. First Selectman Bishop stated that the dredging appropriation will be on the agenda. Mr. Bishop discussed the conference call he had with Representative Courtney's office to explain that the Army Corp of Engineers will be in Clinton dredging their harbor and bringing the sediment to Hammonasset. Mr. Bishop further explained if the DEP agrees that our sediment can go to Hammonasset then the Army Corp of Engineers will use that \$750,000.00 to dredge the opening of the channel this all has to be done prior to June or we will use the \$100,000.00 and will need to go out to bid.

5. Request for Appropriations.

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

VOTED unanimous to forward to the Board of Finance a request from the Tax Collector for an appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover the Tax Collector Refund account.

5a. Appropriation- Public Works

First Selectman Bishop reported that John Riggio, Public Works Director is requesting that \$65,000.00 be returned to his Public Works Road Maintenance account. The money was a LOCIP project to pave Goodspeed Drive. Mr. Bishop stated that this money needs to be returned to the road maintenance account.

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

VOTED unanimous to forward to the Board of Finance a request from John Riggio, Public Works Director for an appropriation in the amount of \$65,000.00 to cover expenses for road maintenance.

6. Expenditures – Connie Vogell/Probate Judge.

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Hall, III it was,

VOTED unanimous to forward to the Board of Finance a request from Connie Vogell, Probate Judge for an appropriation not to exceed \$2,000.00 for indexing and related costs.

7. Charter Commission/ Status Report.

First Selectman Bishop reported no names have come forward. Mr. Bishop will post a notice on the web site and Harbor News candidate names due by March 31st.

8. Sanitarian Position/Status Report.

First Selectmen Bishop stated that the applicants for this position have been reviewed and that two applicants may be qualified. Mr. Bishop further stated that he has also approach CRAHD to see if there's a possibility to contract one of their sanitarians. Mr. Bishop will set up a screening committee to interview the two candidates. The screening committee is as follows:

Selectman John Hall, III
Tony Cozza
Meg Parulis
Carol Lord

9. Resignations.

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

VOTED unanimous to accept with regret the resignation of Donald Harger, Senior Center Management Committee.

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

VOTED unanimous to accept with regret the resignation of Joseph Boccia, Sr., Harbor Commission.

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

VOTED unanimous to accept with regret the resignation of Sidney Holbrook, Economic Development Commission.

10. Expirations and Reappointments.

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

VOTED unanimous to reappoint Tony Barbieri (D) – Housing Authority, term to expire 3/31/15

11. Appointments.

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

VOTED unanimous to appoint Don Harger (U) – Conservation Commission, term to expire 10/1/10

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

VOTED unanimous to appoint Deborah Rie (D) – Town Center Revitalization Committee Alternate

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

VOTED unanimous to table Brian Faucher (R) Harbor Commission, as a regular member pending verification of party affiliation.

12. Vacancies and Nominations.

Elizabeth Streeto (D) – Senior Management Committee as recommended by DTC remains on the table
Sylvia Guinan (D) – Economic Development Commission as recommended by DTC remains on the table.

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

VOTE unanimous to rescind the withdrawal of Lucille Spanillo (R) Senior Center Management Committee at the Board of Selectmen’s meeting on January 28, 2010. Mrs. Spanillo wishes to be appointed to the Senior Center Management Committee. Her name will be placed into nomination.

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 Comm. (1) (D R or U)
- Town Center Revitalization Comm. Alt. (1) (D R or U)
- Conservation Commission (1) (D R or U)
- Senior Center Management Committee (2) (D R or U)

13. Approval of Minutes.

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

VOTED unanimous to approved the minutes of Special Meeting 1/20/2010 as filed.

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

VOTED unanimous to approved the minutes of Special Meeting 1/21/2010 as filed.

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Hall, III, it was

VOTED unanimous to approved the minutes of Special Meeting 1/27/2010 as filed.

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

VOTED unanimous to approved the minutes of Special Meeting 1/28/2010 as filed.

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

VOTED unanimous to approved the minutes of Regular Meeting 1/28/2010 as amended.

Marilyn Ozols, (D) WPPC Term to expire should read 2/1/2013.

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

VOTED unanimous to approved the minutes of Special Meeting 2/1/2010 as amended. Correct spelling error change State "Statute" third sentence change but to "of"

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

VOTED unanimous to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting 2/8/2010 as filed.

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Hall, III it was,

VOTED unanimous to approved the minutes of Special Meeting 2/24/2010 as filed.

On a motion by First Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Hall, III, it was

VOTED unanimous to approved the minutes of Special Meeting 2/25/2010 as filed.

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

VOTED unanimous to approved the minutes of Special Meeting 3/3/2010 as filed.

14. First Selectman's Report.

First Selectman Bishop reported on the following items:

- Board of Finance is starting their budget meetings.
- Lower Valley Selectmen meeting discussed the State Budget cuts
- First Selectman Bishop and Darlene Briggs, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce are working together to promote tourism and on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 will be visiting local businesses and handing out fact sheets to promote their business.

14a. IRS Mileage

Darlene Jones, Treasurer reported that the IRS mileage is now .50 a mile.

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

VOTED unanimous to accept the new .50 mileage rate from the IRS.

15. Treasurer's Report.

Darlene Jones, Treasurer reported on the following items:

- Ms. Jones explained how refunds should be treated differently they are not expenditures of the town. The refund line item should not be funded. The new software that the Tax Collector can create this it shouldn't be in the budget. Ms. Jones further stated that some towns that have the same software are doing it this way and by doing it this way the townspeople won't have to wait for a refund if the Tax Collector has expended the refund line item.
- Audit report should be in the mail. Two comments in the report were eliminated. It will also be in PDF forms to send out to various agencies.

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

VOTED unanimous to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Noel Bishop
First Selectman

Jill Brainerd
Administrative Secretary II