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WESTBROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 10, 2011

Mulvey Municipal Center, 866 Boston Post Road

Call to Order

First Selectman Bishop called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

A quorum was established with the following Board members present: First Selectman Bishop, and Selectman Hall. Also in attendance were residents and members of the Press.

Executive Session

**Mr. Hall made a motion to move into Executive Session at 3.33 p.m. for the review of Roger Zito's evaluation. Invited into the Executive Session were: Gabe Jiran, Rich Annino, Jim Castelot and Roger Zito. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Regular session resumed at 4:07

No action taken.

Board of Selectmen Vacancy

Mr. Jim Crawford, Selectman, recently resigned from the BOS. Four residents, Mr. Chris Ehlert, Mr. Anthony Fastaia, Mr. Richard Gallacher and Mr. Richard White, expressed interest in Mr. Crawford's position. Each candidate is a registered Democrat. These candidates were each interviewed with the same questions. A copy of the questions and State Statute for filling a Selectman vacancy is available.

**Mr. Hall made a motion to appoint Richard Gallacher to the BOS. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Discussion followed.**

**Mr. Hall commented that the BOS was fortunate to have had 4 excellent candidates to interview. He thanked them for the interest in Westbrook.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Woodard & Curran – Rec Center Update

Mr. Jay Sheehan, Woodard & Curran reported that the Rec Center Committee is meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. At that time, he will update the Committee on the progress of the Community Center

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Feasibility and Financial Analysis. A date for the Public Meeting will be determined at the 1/11/11 meeting.

Status of Bills and Invoices

**Mr. Bishop made a motion to approve payment to Woodard & Curran in the amount of \$4,470 for work on the Strategic Energy Planning project. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Hall made a motion to approve payment to Woodard & Curran in the amount of \$3,200 for Community Center Feasibility and Financial Analysis. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Fire House Central Air Conditioning Bill

A request for \$12,500 for the installation of central air conditioning in the upstairs of the S. Main Street Fire House was distributed.

**Mr. Bishop made a motion to recommend that the BOF approve the \$12,500 payment for the installation of central air conditioning at the Fire House. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. Discussion followed.**

**Noel Bishop amended the motion to table the discussion. Mr. Hall seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed unanimously.**

This item will appear on the 1/27/11 BOS agenda.

McVeagh Road Project

Mr. Sheehan reported that the McVeagh Road project is complete. Westbrook is currently awaiting approval and final inspection by the State. When approval and inspection from the State is complete, the Town can request that the State release retainage. Once this money is received, the contractor can be paid.

Energy Committee Update

Mr. Sheehan distributed a copy of the Town of Westbrook Strategic Energy Management Plan. This plan is available on line and outlines Town's philosophy on energy. Additional funding opportunities through the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund will be discussed at the next Energy Meeting.

The Energy Committee will update the BOS at the 1/27/11 BOS meeting.

Senn Settlement

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A communication from Attorney Bennet regarding the Officer Senn settlement was included in the Board's packet.

**Mr. Bishop made a motion to request that the BOF appropriate \$7,121.32 to conclude the Officer Senn matter. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Municipal Parking

**John Hall made a motion to refer the issues with municipal parking to Zoning. Noel Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Bathhouse Concessions

A letter from the Pfaff's expressing interest in operating the Bathhouse Concession stand was included in the Board's packet. Mr. Hall commented that the Pfaff's have done a good job at the Bathhouse Concessions for many years. Mr. Bishop reported that another individual has expressed interest in operating the concession stand.

A bid package will be developed to solicit additional interest in Bathhouse Concessions.

Appointments and Resignations

**Mr. Hall made a motion to accept the resignation of Karen Stachura from the Library Board of Trustees and Paula Ferrara from the Westbrook Senior Center Management Committee. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Hall made a motion to appoint Al Quarti as Zoning Citation Officer. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

An endorsement from the Republican Town Committee was received for Marilyn Maynard to the Library Board. This will appear on the next BOS agenda.

Treasurer's Report – None.

Director of Finance Report – Andrew Urban

While Mr. Urban had no formal report at this time, he commented that he has had a productive meeting with Lesley Wysocki, the Finance Manager of the Westbrook Schools. Mr. Urban has met all of the Department Heads and is looking forward to working in Westbrook. He added that after a review of the Town's finances, "Westbrook is in excellent shape." He anticipates that the budget season will go well in Westbrook, in spite of the cuts in state aid.

First Selectman's Report

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Mr. Bishop reported that all requests for additional hours and/or compensation for employees will be addressed as part of the budget process.

A hearing, regarding the release of two Constables, is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2011. Jim Crawford and Noel Bishop will be in attendance at this hearing.

Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2010 meeting. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment

**Mr. Bishop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Suzanne Helchowski

Noel Bishop

Recording Clerk

First Selectman