

## **Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2010**

Selectmen Present: Jim Dresser, Curtis Rand and Bob Riva

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman, C. Rand at 4:00.

The Agenda was approved.

The Minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, BOS Meeting were approved.

First Selectman asked for **Citizen Comments**, but there were none at this time.

### **Old Business**

C. Rand reported that the work on **Grove Senior Center** is proceeding through the final stages. The sheet rock is up and the wood floor was scheduled to go in today. Painting and landscaping still need to be completed. It is anticipated that the building will be open within a month.

B. Riva reported on the work at the **Firehouse**. The concrete has been poured and the five rear doors completed. The roof will be completed in two or three days, and then brick veneer will be installed in the front. The work is going great guns! C. Rand also noted that the stimulus grant for energy was used to purchase solar panels to the Firehouse. These are scheduled to be put up in about six weeks.

**The Bonus Pool Energy Grant was awarded last week to Region One** to be used towards renewable energy projects and technical improvements at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. All six towns in Region One participated, but Salisbury was designated as the Lead Agency for the grant. The HVRHS Building Committee will provide the initial oversight for this grant while it is determined if a special sub-committee needs to be created to cover the projects funded by this grant. B. Riva noted that it was a competitive grant and we're delighted that Region One was able to secure it.

C. Rand reported that a sample contract has been provided to Salisbury from **CRRA**, with a request for comments by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Salisbury has requested that Anchor Engineers review the contract on our behalf. The Northwest Council from Litchfield Hills has sent a response to CRRA noting that responding by June 1<sup>st</sup> isn't possible, but that a response will be provided by July 1<sup>st</sup>. They have approved \$300 to be applied toward the review. The Central Connecticut CoG is also trying to renew their contract and may wish to share the costs and services of Anchor Engineers.

J. Dresser reported that the **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee** has completed its final document. The Committee will present their findings on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the Town Hall with a Power Point presentation. The written document with full appendices is around 60 pages long. Copies of the written report will be available at the meeting and it will also be published on the Town website following the presentation.

C. Rand asked if there will be a reason to have further meetings about Affordable Housing. J. Dresser noted that, yes; further meetings will be in order as there are several proposals made in the report which would require Town Ordinances or changes in the current Zoning Regulations. Dresser commented, "The question is, what kind of town do we, the citizens, want Salisbury to be?"

### **New Business**

It was moved by B. Riva, seconded by J. Dresser and voted unanimously to appoint **Lynn Meehan to the Conservation Committee** for a four-year term. The Selectmen noted that they were delighted to have Lynn's expertise and energy to benefit this Committee.

Region One has changed **health insurance providers**. The new provider is Aetna, replacing Anthem. Informational meetings about the new coverage are being scheduled. Contact the Town Hall for further information.

**Deer and car accidents** are increasing in our area. There were three deer-based collisions over the Memorial Day Weekend. If you are involved in hitting a deer, the proper procedure is to call Troop B, in Canaan. They will in turn contact the appropriate entity to remove the deer, based on the location. If an injured deer is suffering, the Officers at Troop B will come and dispatch the animal, but they need to be called to do so.

Tax Collector, Denise Rice, prepared a report stating that there were two tax refunds to be given: First American Real Estate Tax Service for \$9,128.30 and Saab Leasing Co. for \$99.83. It was moved by J. Dresser, seconded by B. Riva and voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of these refunds.

### **Citizen Comments**

Mark Gomez asked the Selectmen what was going to be done about people who don't pay for their Transfer Station stickers. It is unfair for the rest of the citizens of the town to cover the costs for these people. C. Rand noted that lists of people who have not paid are being prepared and will be distributed to the haulers for collection. Individuals who do not use haulers will be contacted by the Town. Rand commented, "We're going to take care of it this year. We've chosen not to raise the sticker fee and concentrate on collection instead."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20.

Submitted by Garrett Richardson

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