

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 17, 2010**

Present: First Selectman Tom Frenaye, Eileen Moncrief, Brian Fitzgerald, and Joanne Sullivan. Absent: Timothy Reynolds. Mr. Frenaye called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 17, 2010 in the lower level conference room.

Minutes:

Selectman Moncrief made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2010. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: No public present. Mr. Frenaye had received an e-mail from Sami Mehmed of 10 Dara Lane who gave suggestions and comments for the upcoming budget.

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant:

The Town had applied for an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant funds for replacement windows at Town Hall, to do an energy assessment of town-owned buildings and also for replacement to energy efficient lighting at the Library. A resolution containing the name of the former First Selectman was previously adopted, but now a new resolution containing the name of the present First Selectman, Tom Frenaye is needed.

Selectman Moncrief made a motion that the Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman, Thomas Frenaye, to execute the Notice of Grant Award from the Office of Policy and Management for \$68,735 in Energy Efficient and Conservation Block Grant funds for replacement windows at Town Hall, an energy assessment of town-owned buildings and replacement to energy efficient lighting at the Library. The resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

Construction Agreement for the replacement of the Suffield Street Bridge:

Town Engineer, Gerry Turbet was present asking for Board approval to proceed with a construction agreement for the replacement and improvements to the Suffield Street Bridge over Stony Brook. This project will have a 80% Federal reimbursement of the construction costs. Gerry explained that he has been budgeting towards the 20% of the Town's cost for this project over the last several years. Gerry also explained that he has other accounts which could also cover the Town's share, one of which is the funding for the Russell Avenue Bridge which was never done because of opposition from residents on that street. Gerry is still waiting for the Flood Management Certificate to be issued before the project can proceed. In the interim, Gerry was looking the Construction Agreement to be executed.

Selectman Moncrief made the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the First Selectman, Thomas Frenaye, be authorized to execute any and all necessary documents with respect to a Reimbursement Grant Agreement, on behalf of the Town of Suffield with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut, State Project No. 139-106 Suffield Street Bridge over Stony Brook, and to affix the corporate seal. The resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

Rotary Club's Pavilion Project:

Jim Wood and Jack Muska were present. The Rotary Club was proposing a new concession stand building for the high school at no cost to the Town. The building will have bathrooms, concessions and storage. It will be located between Beneski field and the track at the High School. The cost estimate is \$164,000 to \$180,000. The funding goals is 50% from the Suffield Rotary Club and the Glenn Packard Foundation. 25% from grants and public donations and 25% of in-kind services and materials. Operation and maintenance will be the responsibility of the Board of Education. The project completion date is August of 2011. The Rotary Club will be looking for a Letter of Agreement between the Town and the Rotary Club and also will be looking for a waiver of any town fees.

The Selectmen were excited about the proposal and gave the Rotary Club a consensus to proceed and move forward with the project.

ACCE Report:

Crain Horrigan, Chairman of the Advisory Commission on Capital Expenditures (ACCE) presented the 5 year Capital Plan for the 2010-2011 budget to the Selectmen. This report will be presented to the Board of Finance at its April 5th meeting. Mr. Horrigan explained that the town is now trying to catch up on maintenance. Roads had not been adequately funded over the years and will end up costing more in repairs every year the Town delays repairs. There will be \$950,000 presented for Pavement Management. Mr. Horrigan said the town needs to spend at least \$3 to \$3.5 million on capital every year. The priority projects will total \$5,343,161 with a cost to taxpayers of \$3,897,161.

Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the ACCE priorities recommendations list as presented and recommend to the Board of Finance for consideration. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Annual Report for 2008-2009:

The Annual Report has been up on the town's web site. Mr. Frenaye received only one comment and that was to add to the Board of Education's report how many students were in each grade. There were no other comments or suggestions or errors noted. Selectman Moncrief made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the 2008-2009 Annual Report at 8:15 p.m., and to accept the Report with the comment for a consensus of

students by grade levels in the Board of Education's report. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Tax Rebates:

Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the following tax rebates:

Annis H. Przybiski-Gremmo	\$ 23.15
John Martin Milne	\$112.27
Nancy Ruth Hovey	\$ 61.80
Regina C. Graziani	\$ 44.83

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

First Selectman's Updates:

The Chamber's Business Showcase is scheduled for March 28th from 11 to 4 p.m.

Farmington Valley Bike Trail: There will be a ribbon cutting celebration in Southwick for the official opening of the Massachusetts piece of the Bike Trail from the CT/MASS state line in Suffield to Westfield, MA on May 3rd in Southwick. The Trail is now open from Farmington, CT to Westfield, MA.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Koren, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING: April 7, 2010 @ 7 p.m. town hall conference room.