

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

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

Minutes: Selectman Moncrief made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2010. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Comment:

None

Lease of Town owned land for Farming:

Present was Patrick McMahon, Economic Development Director.

Patrick was seeking approval from the Selectmen to lease approximately 16 acres of agricultural fields on own-owned Open space known as the Colli/Laureno land off of East Street. Greens Farm is interested in growing vegetables on this acreage. The Conservation and Zoning & Planning Commission and Open Space Management subcommittee previously approved leasing this property. The term of the Lease would be for 4 years, at a rate of \$1.00 for the first year and \$100 per acre for years 2, 3 and 4 with no option to renew. Greens Farm will also be responsible for improvements to an access farm road from East Street at their expense.

Selectman Reynolds made a motion that the Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman, Thomas Frenaye, to enter into a Lease for the former Colli/Laureno Properties. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Emergency Management Performance Grant: Resolution:

The yearly package to obtain funding for the Emergency Management Performance Grant is being completed. The following Resolution is necessary to complete the grant paperwork.

Selectman Reynolds made the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, THAT THE FIRST Selectman, Thomas Frenaye, duly authorized by the Board of Selectmen, may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, that Thomas Frenaye, as First Selectman of the Town of Suffield, Connecticut, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

The resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting Calendar for 2011:

Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen's meeting calendar for 2011 as follows:

The Board of Selectmen will meet on the first and third Wednesdays in the Town Hall lower level meeting room at 7:00 p.m., as listed below:

January 5 & 19
February 2 & 16
March 2 & 16
April 6 & 20
May 4 & 18
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 7 & 21
October 5 & 19
November 2 & 16
December 7 & 21

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Tax Rebates:

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

William G. & Linsley G. Remington \$74.08; Randall T. Johnson \$53.59; Michelina & Randall Todd Johnson \$42.95; VW Credit Leasing LTD \$181.43; VW Credit Leasing LTD \$226.77; Kirby F. Trase \$32.41; Peter Markowski \$87.28; Kathleen R. Sikes \$25.79; Rosa M. Urquhart \$15.97; Audrey L. Perkins \$3.22; D L Peterson Trust \$216.73; Dean R. Okeefe \$112.78; Michael J. Deangelia \$15.04; Louise C. Michaud \$119.62; Westside Farm LLC \$106.97; Barbara Rice \$11.35; Honda Lease Trust \$39.31; Honda Lease Trust \$108.23; Honda Lease Trust \$53.94; Honda Lease Trust \$86.88; Thomas J. or Marian Straite \$67.72; Jose A. Santos \$20.72; Kevin Armata \$69.45; Warren C. Webb \$19.56; Eugene Gregory \$48.62; Robert W. or Linda C. Lowell \$13.20; Garry J. or Gina Maliga \$199.32; Garry J. or Gina Maliga \$162.51; CAB EAST LLC \$523.65; Chase Man Auto Fin Corp \$135.64; Chase Man Auto Fin Corp \$181.89; Chase Man Auto Fin Corp \$266.85; DCFS Trust \$108.78; Glen R. Garrity, Jr. \$46.05; GMAC \$22.90; GMAC \$212.93; GMAC \$309.12; GMAC \$77.86; John T. Loughrey \$6.02; Teresa M. Rogers \$23.71; Rohit Y. Masih \$57.18; Arthur J. McManus \$27.34; Brian G. McManus \$26.43; Robert P. Nowak \$388.33; Joel E. or Diana K. Parker \$86.97; Joel E. or Diana K. Parker \$39.75; Joel E. or Diana K. Parker \$11.49; Faber F. Rafferty \$7.54; Toyota Motor Credit Corp. \$38.96; Toyota Motor Credit Corp. \$43.27; Robert B. Wascholl \$26.13; Wheels LT \$84.78; Wheels LT \$306.74

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Bonding Preparation:

On November 30th, the Public Forum on Bonding is scheduled at 7 p.m. at the High School. Mr. Frenaye has been meeting for about six weeks with the Bonding Committee talking about the possible capital projects and obtaining good estimates for these projects.

The Committee is organizing the presentation for the Forum which will be about 20-30 minutes to describe why it is a good time to do Bonding and details about projects being considered. The Committee is compiling a handout for residents detailing the five projects, which would be roads and drainage related to roads; fire apparatus; renovations to Town Hall, the conversion of the Bridge Street School to office space and renovations to the Library.

The Selectmen discussed ways to advertise the meeting. Several good suggestions were made by the Selectmen. The information will also be posted on the Town's web site and articles in the local papers as well as a legal notice being published in the Journal Inquirer Newspaper. There will also be an informational survey which will be filled out by residents which will give the Selectmen more information on how people feel about the individual projects.

Selectman's Updates:

Tree Warden Award: The Town's Tree Warden, Ron Vidal, was the recipient of this year's Connecticut Urban Forest Council's Award. An Award Ceremony and day long seminars with many tree wardens from other Towns attending, was held on November 3rd. Ron received a Plaque from the Council for his efforts. Mr. Frenaye was also able to attend to congratulate him before his peers.

McDougall/Walker Inmate Counts:

The recent inmate count for the Prisons was 2,131. Inmates are included in Suffield Population counts by the U.S. Census.

Town Audit:

The Auditors have been in and out the last several weeks, and although they have not completed the Audit, the draft Fund Balance at the end of June was just over \$7 million dollars pr 13.5% of the budget. Selectman Fitzgerald asked how much was left over in the Selectmen's budget and Board of Education from last fiscal year. Mr. Frenaye said about \$100,000 was left in the Selectmen's Budget and nothing was left over in the Board of Education budget.

Babylon, LLC:

Babylon has applied to Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for a permit to do Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) recycling in addition to the construction materials collection. The Town of Windsor Locks has a neighborhood that is really close to

Babylon. There was a public hearing in Windsor Locks on the matter where no one spoke in favor of the expansion of the Babylon Facility. Windsor Locks is attempting to upgrade their Main Street (Rte. 159) and they don't want see an increase of garbage trucks traveling on their Main Street. The Windsor Locks Board of Selectmen voted to send a letter to DEP opposing the application for a permit. The Selectmen may invite Suffield to join in with the letter of opposition to DEP. Therefore, Mr. Frenaye may be coming back to the Board regarding this in the near future.

Public Comment: None

Executive Session:

Selectman Reynolds made a motion to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss Union Negotiations and a Personnel matter. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Selectman Reynolds made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:50 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Selectmen, Selectman Reynolds made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Koren, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING: December 1, 2010 @ 7 p.m. Town Hall conference room