

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thursday, April 7, 2011

10:00 A.M.

First Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Michael Pace, Selectman William Peace, Selectman Carol Manning, Town Clerk Sarah Becker, Police Chief Michael Spera, Fire Chief JT Dunn, Fire Marshal Donn Dobson, Public Works Director Larry Bonin, Youth and Family Director Heather McNeil, Town Planner Christine Nelson, Police Commission Chairman Christina Burnham, Police Commissioner Richard Metsack, Health Director Mary Jane Engle, Public Health Nursing Board Member Sharon Craft, members of the public and the press.

I. CALL TO ORDER – First Selectman Pace called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – First Selectman Pace led those in attendance

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Comments were taken

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMAN

Selectman Manning stated that she is a member of the Internal – External Communication Team, which is part of the strategic planning project for the Old Saybrook Public Schools. Our charge is to improve and expand communication and collaboration among school staff, families and the greater community. She further stated that she received an email from Robert Coty. He is one of the property owners on the 200 list that was referred to Town Counsel for review. First Selectman Pace stated that this is still moving forward, under review in Land Use and there will be a public hearing and town meeting between May and July.

Selectman Peace stated that the Tree Committee is getting ready to plant 20 new trees. He had a meeting with Town Planner Christine Nelson looking to obtain \$400,000 - \$500,000 for sidewalks between Pat's Kountry Kitchen and the I-95 entrance.

First Selectman Pace read a Proclamation that the Board of Selectmen prepared for the retirement of Lieutenant Tim McDonald.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting February 25, 2011

MANNING/PEACE

Motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting February 25, 2011 meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Board of Selectmen Meeting March 3, 2011

MANNING/PEACE

Motion to accept the minutes of the Meeting March 3, 2011 meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Discuss and act on Fire Chief, J.T. Dunn recommendation for the Fire Department boiler replacement.

First Selectman Pace asked Fire Chief Dunn to address the Board. Chief Dunn stated that the department had received a \$55,517 grant to replace their 40 plus year-old furnace. Bids

were solicited and six were received. The committee reviewed the bids and recommend that Izbicki Contracting, LLC from Lisbon, CT.

MANNING/PEACE

Motion to accept the recommendation of Fire Chief J.T. Dunn and committee to accept the bid from Izbicki Contracting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Discuss and act on Public Works Director, Larry Bonin recommendation to contract with WeRecycle for electronic waste disposal.

First Selectman Pace asked Public Works Director Larry Bonin to address the Board. Mr. Bonin stated that there have been changes in how electronics can be disposed. CRERPA has researched a number of companies that provide electronic waste disposal, as has he. His recommendation is to contract with WeRecycle. There is no cost to the town.

MANNING/PEACE

Motion to accept the recommendation of Public Works Director, Larry Bonin to contract with WeRecycle for electronic waste disposal.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Report from Connecticut River Area Health District Director, Mary Jane Engle and Sharon Craft, Public Health Nursing Board on collaboration of new initiatives.

First Selectman invited Sharon Craft of the Public Health Nursing Board to address the board. Sharon reviewed several initiatives that they in conjunction with the Connecticut River Area Health District have been working on. Director of Health Mary Jane Engle added her comments. See attachments.

D. Report from Youth & Family Services Director, Heather McNeil on community collaborative efforts.

Heather reported that there has been a lot of support for "Team Avery." There will be a fund raiser at The Kate on June 11, 2011.

E. Discuss and approve in concept Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Town of Old Saybrook for the control of Phragmites.

Janice Holland from the Old Saybrook Land Trust spoke in favor of this project. Town Planner Christine Nelson stated that this project will treat the Fort Saybrook Monument Park marsh at Saybrook Point. It is a three year project funded at \$5,000 per year.

PEACE/MANNING

Motion to approve and authorize First Selectman Pace to sign agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Discuss and act on authorizing Board of Selectmen to sign incentive housing zone resolution authorizing First Selectman Michael A. Pace to sign the application and administer the project.

Town Planner Christine Nelson stated that this is the second incentive housing zone in Old Saybrook.

PACE/PEACE

Motion to approve resolution and authorize First Selectman Pace to sign application.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

G. Discuss and act on request for change in designation of Aquifer Protection Agency.

Town Planner Christine Nelson reviewed this request.

PEACE/MANNING

Motion to approve and forward to a Town Meeting, Connecticut Water Company and DEP.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

H. Discuss and act on state proposal for consolidation of regional planning organizations. The State of Connecticut is proposing to consolidate regional planning organizations. CRERPA and the Middletown area planning agency are working on this matter.

PACE/PEACE

Motion to refer to Town Planner and Land Use for recommendation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. Re-adopt Fair Housing Resolution.

PEACE/MANNING

Motion to re-adopt and authorize First Selectman Michael Pace to sign resolution.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. Re-adopt Fair Housing Policy Statement.

PEACE/MANNING

Motion to re-adopt the Fair Housing Policy Statement and authorize First Selectman Michael Pace to sign.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

K. Re-adopt Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement

PEACE/MANNING

Motion to re-adopt Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement and authorize First Selectman Michael Pace to sign.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. Re-adopt Affirmative Action Policy Statement.

PEACE/MANNING

Motion to re-adopt Affirmative Action Policy Statement and authorize First Selectman Michael Pace to sign.

M. Discuss and act on Bikeways proposals.

Selectman Peace reviewed the Bikeways proposal to change the angle of parking along Main Street.

PEACE/MANNING

Motion to send a letter to the Police Commission, traffic authority, asking the commission to review the angle of parking along Main Street.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

N. Discuss and act on contract for Shoreline East to place bike rack on N. Main Street.

PACE/MANNING

Motion to authorize First Selectman Michael Pace sign contract with Shoreline East to place bike rack on N. Main Street.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

O. Discuss and act on Old Saybrook Department of Police Services Facility Study/Building Committee 2nd Charge.

First Selectman Michael Pace read the charge.

PEACE/MANNING

Motion to approve charge also to include a 10% - 12% contingency. Due diligence to convey to the public as to why we can't use existing building.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P. Appointments

1. Police Services Facility Study/Building Committee.

PEACE/MANNING

Motion to appoint Dan Moran, Chairman; Charles Robertson, Vice-Chairman; David LaMay; Andrew Natale; Thomas A. Zemienieski; William Peace; Robert Finch; Raymond Muratori; David Wight to the Police Services Facility Study/Building Committee. The Chairman of the Board of Police Commission and the Police Chief shall serve as ex-official members of the committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Pension and Employee Benefits Board. This is a 5-year term due to expire 4/2016.

PACE/PEACE

Motion to appoint Gary Lehrman to the Pension and Employee Benefits Board. This is a 5-year term due to expire 4/2016.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN – None at this time

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

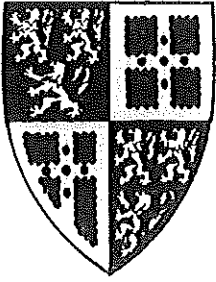
PEACE/MANNING

Motion to adjourn at 1:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Roland W. Laine, Executive Assistant



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK

Public Health Nursing Board

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March 2011

The mission of the Old Saybrook Public Health Nursing Board (PHNB) operating in collaboration with the first selectman and the Connecticut River Area Health District is to:

- Ensure nursing services are available to the frail elderly, economically disadvantaged, under-insured or uninsured residents of Old Saybrook.
- Enable the development and expansion of nursing resources by providing financial assistance for continuing education and scholarship programs at no additional cost to the Town.

With regard to our first mission statement, our objective is to: 1.) ensure that the quality of health care service remains high; 2.) the needs of our community are met with comprehensive care; and 3.) that the health provider contract is cost effective.

Recently the staff from the following agencies: Connecticut River Area Health District, Community Health Center, VNA of Southeastern CT, OS Social Services, Y&FS, the Soup Pantry, OSPHNB, and Nutritionist Kathy Cobb have identified some gaps in access and services to oral health care for OS residents and have been working to closely to find ways to close some of these service gaps.

Dental problems affect a person's general well being, quality of life and long term health. Besides causing pain, dental problems may affect an individual's nutrition, cardio vascular health, gastro-intestinal health and mental health.

To date we have set up the following action plan to address the lack of dental health care in OS:

- The CHC will send an Americore representative to the Food Pantry on several Tuesdays from 2-5 pm to help screen and register residents for the CHC Dental Clinics.
- The CHC Mobile Dental Clinic and WIYS (homeless dental program) will come to the Soup Pantry for 2 full days/6 clinical hours this summer.
- Follow-up to get Mobile Dental Clinic back to Goodwin School will be done.

As you all are probably aware, from your own visits to the dentist, dental care is very expensive. Even with the help of all the available programs and sliding fees there may be times when OS residents go without dental care because they cannot pay the expense of restorative care (fillings, dentures, root canals, crowns etc.). The OSPHNB has limited funding to help with the start up of a "Town of Old Saybrook Dental Health Care Fund", but we are looking for more help. It is our hope that one of the town's agencies or service groups might consider making this project "their own" and help us establish a fundraising and development plan for long term dental care in OS.

Please feel free to contact me at dldepaola@snet.net or 860-388-6353 if you have ideas or would like to help.

Thank you,

Diane Aldi DePaola, Chairman
OSPHNB



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REPORT TO THE OLD SAYBROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 7, 2011

1. Alternative Methods of Dispensing- Full Scale Regional Exercise -April 19th:

- Purpose: During a public health emergency, to give prophylactic antibiotics to groups better served outside the public clinic (known as the Point of Dispensing clinic-POD) at the high school
- Health District is the Mass Dispensing lead for 7 towns in the area.
- Long term care facilities, private schools and VISTA involved in exercise
- Helps to take pressure off of public POD
- Worked with facilities to help them develop their public health emergency plan

2. Oral Health Initiative

- Began identifying oral health issues through the town nurse and registered dietician working at the Food Pantry
- Assessment/planning group quickly formed with VNA, Nursing Board, Health District, Registered Dietician, Youth and Family Services. Have added the Community Health Center.
- Nursing Board has responded to the unmet need by setting up the "Town of Old Saybrook Dental Health Care Fund".
- Please see the attached report from Nursing Board Chairman, Diane Aldi.

3. Drug Take Back Day

- April 30th from 10AM until 2PM
- Part of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency's attempt to get prescription drugs out of the hands of teens and adults who may abuse them
- Added benefit: drugs not being flushed down plumbing and into groundwater
- Will accept non-prescription drugs also
- Two locations: Clinton PD and Essex Commuter Parking lot on Rte. 154 (staffed by State Police)
- Regional approach spearheaded by the Health District, Clinton Police Dept. and the Clinton First Selectman's Substance Abuse Task Force.
- Other agencies have been invited to help get the word out: schools, WPCAs, Youth and Family Services, etc.

4. Well Water Testing Initiative

- Article by Director of Health in Events Magazines for 3 member towns
- Uranium has been identified in adjoining towns as a issue in some private well water
- Uranium can cause kidney damage over time
- Article offered free water testing for uranium, bacteria, physical and chemical properties for citizens of the 3 health district towns. Health district using services of State Lab for free. This service would cost \$300.00 through a private lab.
- Since the article came out last week 17 residents in Old Saybrook have signed up. Calls still coming in.