

**TOWN OF WILLINGTON
MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
August 14, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

First Selectman, Christina Mailhos read the call of the meeting and asked for nominations for a moderator. Suzanne Chapman made a motion to appoint Christine Psathas as moderator and was seconded by Butch Littell.

Motion carried.

Item I

To see if the Townspeople, on the recommendation of the Board of Finance, will authorize the appropriation of \$43,272 from the Capital Projects-LOCIP- Public Works Storm Water to be reimbursed by the State of Connecticut Local Capital Improvement Program.

A motion was made by John Blessington and seconded by Kelly Trueb to approve Item I.

Discussion followed.

Karl Acimovic, Town Engineer, described the designed system for the storm water and the reasons for the plan. It should take about two months for completion.

Motion carried.

Item II

To see if the Townspeople, on the recommendation of the Board of Finance, will authorize the appropriation of \$40,000 from the Capital Reserve to replace the modular office and make drainage improvements at the Bus Lot on Route 320.

A motion was made by Kelly Trueb and seconded by Al Ference to approve Item II.

Discussion followed.

The modular office is used for the employees during the school year.

Karl Acimovic explained the plan for cleaning out the chambers to prevent the flooding of the bus lot. He said the town has to schedule regular maintenance so this will not continually happen.

Item III

To see if the Townspeople, on the recommendation of the Board of Finance, will authorize the appropriation of \$57,000 from the HUD Lien Fund – Miscellaneous Revenue for the purpose of supporting ADA Improvements at the Old Town Hall.

A motion was made by John Blessington and seconded by Peter Tanaka to approve Item III.

Discussion followed.

Karl Acimovic explained some of the improvements that would take place in the Old Town Hall, the Handicap Ramp, Bathrooms ADA approved, electrical improvements, etc. Assessment and Recommendations report included with the minutes.

Motion carried.

Item IV

To see if the Townspeople, will advise the Board of Selectmen to proceed with an Energy Performance Contracting Initiative, which includes upgrades to municipal and BOE building as presented.

A motion was made by Butch Littell and seconded by John Patton to approve Item IV.

Discussion followed.

A presentation was made by Andy Merola from CCM and Jerry Drummond, Energy Solutions, on the process and how the town would be upgraded in the energy improvements between the Center School, Hall Memorial School, Town Offices, Senior Center, and Public Works. The report is included in the minutes describing the overview of the Energy Efficiency Program. It shows what would be done to the various facilities, the charts of cost savings and payback. It also shows the Financial Proforma. The monies are budgeted in the annual budget for operational expenses for energy. The time span would be 17 years. The time span was a concern by a few residents.

Motion was carried by a 21 yes 11 no vote.

Item V

To see if the Townspeople, on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Revenue Collector will adopt an Ordinance for Past Due Taxes.

A motion was made by Butch Littell and seconded by Kelly Trueb to approve Item V.

Discussion followed.

The ordinance would require that anyone with past due taxes wanting to do improvements to their property would have to pay their taxes before being issue permits by land use. The concern with this is that it is one more issue in land use. If a lien is put on the property, which protects the town, we receive 1% interest on taxes due should be sufficient.

Motion not carried.

Item VI

To see if the Townspeople, on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Animal Control Officer will amend the Ordinance for Redemption Fees for impounded dogs.

A motion was made by Kelly Trueb and seconded by Mary Bowen to approve Item VI.

Christina Mailhos and Tina Bieheimer, the town's animal control officer, explained the amendments to the ordinance. The fee of \$15.00 per day increase from \$5.00 would be for impounded animals. This fee would start upon contact with the owner. Changes were made to the ordinance to correct the words dog or dogs to animals. Motion carried.

Item VII

To see if the Townspeople, on the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen will amend the Solid Waste Advisory Commission Ordinance.

A motion was made by Peter Tanaka and seconded by Al Ference to approve Item VII.

Christina Mailhos explained the amendments to this ordinance, which is just to clean up and clarify the duties of this commission. This ordinance concerns only the commission duties and nothing to do with the fees. Fees are in another ordinance.

Motion carried

A motion was made by John Patton and seconded by Al Ference to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna J. Hardie
Willington Town Clerk
Dated at Willington
August 15, 2013