

TOWN COUNCIL OF NEW CANAAN
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 13, 2008
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Mark DeWaele	Stephen Karl
Kathryn Devereaux	Thomas O'Dea
Paul Foley	Johnny Potts
Elizabeth Jones	Dick White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Campbell; Chris Hussey; Tucker Murphy; Penny Young.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeb Walker, First Selectman (and member, ex-officio, Town Council); George Maranis, Administrative Officer; Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; Rob Mallozzi, Selectman; Christopher Jarboe, Town Attorney; Barbara Crolla, Director, Day Care Center of New Canaan and assistant.

Dr. De Waele convened the meeting at 8:05 p.m., and Mr. O'Dea read the notice of the meeting. Mr. O'Dea called the roll, noting the presence of all members except Ms. Hussey, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Young, and Mr. Campbell.

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2008. Upon motion of Mr. Foley and second of Ms. Devereaux, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2008, Mr. White abstaining because of absence.

In the interest of time, Item 2 was taken first.

Item 2, To adopt a Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to enter into or amend contractual instruments on behalf of the Town of New Canaan with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Child Day Care Program.

Barbara Crolla, Director of the Day Care Center of New Canaan, made introductory remarks about the Center and answered questions about its operations. The Center services 100 children on a daily basis and has been in operation for almost 36 years. There are 45 full time preschool children enrolled and 55 school aged children who attend before and/or after school programs. Programs during school vacations and summer are also offered. The Center is open 50 weeks out of the year, 10.5 hours per day and serves meals to the enrollees. Tuition is on a sliding scale, based on family size and income.

Mr. O'Dea read the Resolution into the record: "Resolved: That the First Selectman Jeb Walker is empowered to enter into or amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of New Canaan with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Child Day Care Program if such an agreement is offered and to have the corporate seal affixed to all documents required as part of any offered agreement and,

Resolved: That the Town of New Canaan hereby adopts as its policy to support the non-discrimination agreements and warranties required in the Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-60 (a) 1 and Section 4a-60a (a) 1, as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and Section 9 (a) 1 and 10 (a) 1 of Public Act 07-142, as those statutes may be amended from time to time."

Upon motion of Mr. Potts and second of Mr. White to adopt the Resolution, there followed brief discussion.

Not all of the enrollees are New Canaan residents. Enrolled individuals consist not only of New Canaan residents, but family members of people that work but do not reside in

New Canaan. The total operating budget is just under \$700,000, and the Center receives anywhere from \$170,000 to \$220,000 yearly from the State.

The Council voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to enter into or amend contractual instruments on behalf of the Town of New Canaan with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Child Day Care Program.

Item 1, To consider a Proposed Ordinance Re-Establishing a Conservation Commission.

Upon motion of Mr. White and second of Mr. O'Dea, the Council voted unanimously to return the draft Proposed Ordinance to the By-laws and Ordinance Subcommittee to address comments offered at the Public Hearing, and for review and possible revision or modification. The changes are not expected to be major ones, and the Proposed Ordinance will be brought before the Town Council for reconsideration as soon as practicable.

Dr. De Waele asked for alternate dates for the FOI meeting, and it was agreed to appoint Ms. Young to replace Mr. O'Dea on the Tax Relief for the Elderly subcommittee.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Potts and second of Mr. Karl, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas O'Dea, Secretary