

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2009
9:00 am – Board Room of Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeb Walker, First Selectman; Rob Mallozzi and Sally Hines, Selectmen.

ALSO PRESENT: George Maranis, Acting Administrative Officer; Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; Mike Pastore, Town Engineer; Jim Rogers, Transfer Station Superintendent; Bill Oestmann, Highway Department, Superintendent of Administration; Captain Leon Krolikowski, New Canaan Police Department; Jim Beall, Chairman of the EMS Building Committee; Andrew Kersey, New Canaan Advertiser.

Mr. Walker Called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, noting the presence of all the Selectmen. On the motion of Mr. Walker and the second of Mr. Mallozzi, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2009 were approved unanimously.

Captain Krolikowski then presented the Police Department's plan to participate in Phase II of the Statewide Tactical On-Scene Communications (STOCS) Box Program. He described the components of the equipment, including the use of emergency channels that would not be hindered by different frequencies. The device is portable and would provide interoperable communication systems that would allow the Town's Emergency Services workers to communicate with other agencies throughout the State in the event of emergencies and disasters. The Box would be provided by and be owned by the State and be made available for use by the Town. The Selectmen thanked Captain Krolikowski for his presentation and endorsed the concept.

Mr. Beall next asked for approval to enter into an agreement with The Green Engineer, LLP for energy modeling services, one of the necessary requirements for LEED certification. He explained that, although there are no monetary advantages to a LEED certification for the new EMS building, it would be a "test case" that would set an excellent example for future construction in the Town. The contract calls for payment of \$7,200, plus additional consulting services as required, all of which would be paid with funds already raised for construction of the EMS building. On the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Ms. Hines, the request was approved unanimously.

Mr. Oestmann then presented a proposal from the Public Works Department to enter into an easement agreement with AT&T to relocate a telecommunications pole from abutting private property to Town-owned land next to the Playhouse. The abutter, Ms. Terry Cody Spring, has given notice to AT&T to remove the pole, which provides telephone and cable service to merchants on Elm Street. Mr. Oestmann described the exact proposed location – at the foot of the stairs of the alleyway between the Playhouse and Le Pain Quotidien. Mr. Mallozzi asked if there would be any

compensation to the Town, and Mr. Oestmann said none was contemplated. He said that the Town has never charged AT&T for any of its other poles on Town property, and he questioned whether the Town should pursue this avenue, given that AT&T has the right to lay its lines down by digging up Elm Street. The Selectmen endorsed the execution of the easement agreement, which will now move to the Town Council for approval.

Mr. Pastore next made a presentation of a proposal from the Public Works Department to allocate \$200,000 from the Nitrogen Credit Reserve Fund for engineering services, chemicals and laboratory testing to reduce effluent zinc concentrations at the water pollution control facility, as required by a Consent Order from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The plan is to accomplish everything possible that can be done internally to dissuade the EPA from mandating improvements for the reduction of zinc levels that are estimated to cost around \$3 million. In answer to a question from Mr. Mallozzi, Mr. Pastore said that there is currently \$390,000 in the Reserve Fund, with another \$70,000 to be added this year. The Selectmen endorsed the proposal, which will now move to the Board of Finance for action.

Mr. Conrad then presented a request from the Town Clerk to purchase mobile shelving from Dupont Systems, Inc. for an amount of \$3,685. He explained that additional storage is needed to store official Town records that are presently stacked on tables in the Clerk's office. The shelving could also be used for storage when the Town Hall is renovated. He described the configuration and intended location of the shelving, and explained that funding is available in a furniture improvement account. On the motion of Ms. Hines and the second of Mr. Mallozzi, the request was approved unanimously.

Next, on the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Mr. Walker, tax refunds were approved unanimously and, on the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Ms. Hines, legal bills were approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Maranis, Acting Secretary