

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

September 19, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Neville, First Selectman, and Paul Giusti and Johnny Potts, Selectmen.

ALSO PRESENT: George Maranis, Administrative Officer; Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; Cheryl Jones, Personnel Director; Tiger Mann, Senior Engineer; Captain Leon Krolikowski, New Canaan Police Department; Carol McDonald, Director of Human Services; Joyce Sixsmith, New Canaan Domestic Violence Partnership; Jim Cole, Director of Emergency Preparedness; Bill Oestmann, Highway Department Superintendent; Jack Hennessey, Assistant Fire Chief; Rachel Fitzpatrick, New Canaan Advertiser; John Mordecai, New Canaan News-Review.

Judy Neville called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and took the roll, noting the presence of all the Selectman. She asked that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2006 be approved and, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, they were approved unanimously.

Mr. Mann then presented a request from the Department of Public Works to award a contract in the amount of \$77,000 to Lanni Construction, the low bidder, for the installation of drainage on Hemlock Hill Road. Mr. Mann explained that the State of Connecticut will supply all the necessary materials and the Town will provide the labor to install the drainage. On the motion of Mr. Giusti and the second of Mr. Potts, the request was approved unanimously.

The Selectmen next heard a request from the Town Hall Building Committee, presented by Ms. Neville, to enter into a contract with KSQ Architects, PC for architectural services in connection with the renovation of Town Hall. The appropriation for the architectural services had previously been approved by all the Town bodies and the contract has been reviewed and approved by Town counsel. After some brief discussion, the request to enter into the contract was approved unanimously on the motion of Mr. Giusti and the second of Mr. Potts.

Captain Krolikowski then presented a request from the Police/EMS Building Committee to award a contract in the amount of \$22,650 to Santa Energy, the low bidder, for the installation of a new furnace at the Police Station. He explained that three experts have concluded that the existing furnace will not make it through the winter. He also made a request for an additional \$4,000 for possible contingencies in connection with the installation of the new furnace. On the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, the Selectmen agreed unanimously to add the request for the additional \$4,000 to the agenda. On the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti both requests, the first for \$22,650 to install the furnace, and the other for \$4,000 for possible contingencies were approval unanimously.

The Selectmen next considered appointments and, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, they unanimously approved the appointment of (1) Robert Noble to the Emergency Medical Service Commission for a term to expire November 15, 2006, replacing Douglas Harman, who resigned; and (2) Sven

Englund as Fire Commissioner for a term to expire December 1, 2006, replacing Richard Munger.

Ms. McDonald and Ms. Sixsmith then presented a request from the Department of Human Services to display a 3.5 ft. x 12 ft. banner on the façade of Vine Cottage for the month of October announcing that “October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.” In this connection, Ms. Sixsmith reviewed domestic violence activity in the Town during the past year, and presented plans for promoting domestic violence awareness for the remainder of the year. Ms. McDonald and Ms. Sixsmith described various outreach programs in the schools and in the community at large, including coordination of activities with the New Canaan Police Department. Mr. Giusti expressed thanks for the work being done by those combating domestic violence and, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, the request to display the banner was approved unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Giusti and the second of Mr. Potts, the Selectmen next unanimously approved the request from the New Canaan Sewing Group to place a sandwich-board sign on the front lawn of Town Hall for the two weeks beginning Friday, November 3, 2006 advertising its Annual Holiday Sale event.

Then, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, the Selectmen unanimously approved a request from A Better Chance of New Canaan to place a sign on the front lawn of Town Hall for the period from September 19, 2006 to September 30, 2006 publicizing its Annual Fundraiser.

Mr. Cole next introduced an Emergency Distribution Plan (Hurricane Relief) for the Town of New Canaan. Mr. Oestmann presented, in some detail, the plan which describes the arrangements for the distribution of supplies and commodities to the public in the event of a hurricane or other disaster. He described the three basic response plans to disasters, categorizing them as Types I, II, and III - designed to accommodate the needs of twenty thousand, ten thousand, and five thousand persons per day, respectively. In this connection, Mr. Giusti questioned the viability of vehicular access to St. Luke’s School via Soundview Lane and Mr. Cole agreed to revisit this routing. Mr. Giusti thanked the authors of the plan for their very thoughtful work with special thanks to Mr. Oestmann for his efforts. All those present agreed that the model is now ready for testing.

The Selectmen then, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, voted unanimously to dissolve the New Canaan Land Use, Conservation & Open Space Committee. Mr. Giusti explained that the work of the Committee is complete and responsibilities have now been transferred to an expanded Park and Recreation Commission. Mr. Giusti said that it was an honor to serve as Chairman of the Committee and he expressed his thanks to all the members of the Committee – Cristina Ross, David Wright, Frank Coughlin, Jr., Kit Devereaux, Peter Eldridge, Darlene Johnson, and Art Potts - for their hard work and dedication.

At this point, 11:30 a.m., the Selectmen voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Upon returning to regular session at 11:50 am the Selectmen voted unanimously, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, to advance Robert Yates of the Department of Public Works to Groundsman II, Step 3, at a wage rate of \$20.71 per hour, to start September 28, 2006.

Finally, the Selectmen, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, voted unanimously to approve legal bills.

There being no further business, the Selectmen voted to adjourn at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Maranis