

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

March 6, 2007

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

ALSO PRESENT: George Maranis, Administrative Officer; Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; Cheryl Jones, Director of Human Resources; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Rosand; Steve Benko, Recreation Director; Jeb Walker, Chairman, Park & Recreation Commission; Mike Pastore, Town Engineer; Jim Cole, Police Commissioner; Jack Hennessy, Assistant Fire Chief; Ann Lobdell, Stephanie Dayton, and Steve Reilly, representatives of the Waveny Lodge; Bill Bach, Bill Kirby, and two or three other friends of Aaron Rosand; Police Captain Leon Krolikowski; one or two members of the public; Kristiana Glavin, 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 Selectmen. She asked that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2007 be approved and, after noting three edits requested by Mr. Giusti, they were approved unanimously, on the motion of Mr. Giusti and the second of Mr. Potts.

Ms. Neville then recognized Aaron Rosand, renowned violinist and New Canaan resident, and read a Proclamation in his honor, including the naming of Thursday, March 15, 2007 as Aaron Rosand Day. Mr. Rosand graciously accepted the Proclamation, noting his long residency in New Canaan and his fondness for the Town.

Steve Benko next presented a request from the Recreation Department to award a contract in the amount of \$464,600 to Old World Builders and Traders (the low bidder) for the renovation of Waveny Lodge located at the Paddle Courts in Waveny Park. He introduced representatives from the Waveny Lodge, presented schematics of the renovation (preserving the character of the building), and described the history of the project. He recapitulated the funding of the renovation, noting the contribution of \$150,000 from the Town. Ms. Neville, Mr. Giusti and Mr. Potts all expressed their thanks for the hard work of the Waveny Lodge group in raising funds and otherwise seeing this project through to completion. On the motion of Mr. Giusti and the second of Mr. Potts, the request was unanimously approved.

The Selectmen then, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, unanimously approved a request from the New Canaan Farmers' Market to return to the old Center School Parking Lot for its 8th Annual Farmers' Market, to be held every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm from June 9, 2007 to November 24, 2007 (an extension of one week in November from the previous year.) Resident Jean Cortes spoke of the remarkable success of the Market, relating how the farmers particularly enjoy coming to New Canaan to sell their wares

On the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, Angelo Ziotas was unanimously appointed as an Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a two-year term to expire December 1, 2008, replacing Alan Goldberg, who resigned.

Tax refunds were then approved unanimously, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti. Legal bills were also approved unanimously, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti. In this connection, Mr. Potts queried Ms. Neville about the status of legal bills relating to cell towers, and Ms. Neville responded that more bills can be expected.

Ms. Neville then spoke briefly about recent developments with respect to the Federal Aviation Administration's plan to reroute flight patterns over Fairfield County. She referred to a letter she has just sent to Senators Dodd and Lieberman protesting the FAA's proposed actions, and asked for recommendations from the Selectmen for appointments to a committee to deal with this matter for the Town. Mr. Giusti confirmed his continuing interest and volunteered to serve on such a committee. It was agreed that the committee would be appointed at the next meeting of the Selectmen.

At this point, Ms. Neville asked that an item be added to the Agenda – a request from the Public Works Department that the First Selectman be authorized to execute a contract with Loureiro Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,164,756 for the rehabilitation of the Lakeview Avenue Bridge. This was agreed to unanimously, on the motion of Mr. Giusti and the second of Mr. Potts. Mr. Pastore reviewed the bidding process, explaining why the lowest bid was not accepted, and noting that the State would underwrite 80% of the cost of the work. On the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, the First Selectman was unanimously given the authority to sign the contract.

The Selectmen then, at 10:27 am, voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, specifically employee hiring. The Selectmen returned to regular session at 11:16 pm without acting on the proposed hiring. The Selectmen also asked that the Finance Department return in two weeks with possible revisions to the Town's pension plan dealing with eligibility issues.

There being no further business, the Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Maranis, Secretary