

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 2008

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

ALSO PRESENT: George Maranis, Administrative Officer; Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; Joe Meehan, Budget Director, and Hans Otto, Facilities Manager, New Canaan Public Schools; David Abbey, Superintendent of Schools; Mike Pastore, Town Engineer; Tiger Mann, Senior Engineer and Assistant Director of Public Works; Jim Beall, Chairman, Police/EMS Building Committee; Jim Cole, Chairman of the Police Commission; Jack Hennessey, Assistant Fire Chief; Colleen Flaherty, New Canaan Advertiser; Kristiana Glavin, New Canaan News-Review; Cheryl Jones, Director of Human Resources (9:55 am;) Chris Kaiser, Director of Information Technology (10:00 am.)

Jeb Walker called the meeting to order at 9:04 am and took the roll, noting the presence of all the Selectmen. He asked that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2008 and the Special Meeting of May 14, 2008 be approved and, on the motions of Mr. Mallozzi and the seconds of Ms. Hines, both were approved unanimously.

Mr. Walker then asked that an item be added to the Agenda, the designation of the Lakeview Avenue bridge as "Veterans Memorial Bridge," to be so named on Memorial Day, May 26, 2008. On the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Ms. Hines, the item was added unanimously.

Mr. Meehan next presented a request from the Board of Education to enter into a contract in the amount of \$333,492 with Security Specialists to supply materials and labor for the installation of cameras at Saxe Middle School and at East, South and West elementary schools. He gave an overview and status of the security project for which \$1,000,000 had been budgeted by the Town. He said that the contract with Security Specialists was the low bid (of two), that it had been reviewed by the Town Attorney and that it had been approved by the Board of Education. Mr. Mallozzi asked if the Police Department had been kept apprised of the camera project and was advised by Dr. Abbey that Captain Krolkowski served as a member of the School Security committee and was well aware of all of its activities. Mr. Otto said that the project was under way and that there would be cooperation and coordination with the Police Department. Mr. Cole asked if there was a firm date for completion of the project and was told by Dr. Abbey that he couldn't say exactly, but that everyone "wanted it to happen." On the motion of Mr. Walker and the second of Ms. Hines, the Selectmen voted unanimously to execute the contract.

Mr. Pastore then presented a request from the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement for \$10,759 with Fuss & O'Neill, Consulting Engineers, for a review of vehicle circulation issues and the preparation of conceptual design alternatives for student pick-up and drop-off areas at the New Canaan High School. Funds had been budgeted for traffic lights and traffic control measures at the Farm Road entrance to the High School, but this project was deemed not feasible. Traffic flow and control issues remained unresolved and Fuss & O'Neill is being

asked to review traffic circulation and design alternatives. Mr. Mallozzi thanked Mr. Pastore for getting the Fire Department involved and, on the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Ms. Hines, the Selectmen unanimously approved the request.

Mr. Mann next presented a request from the Public Works Department to enter into a contract for \$140,050 with Lanni Construction, the low bid, for the installation of drainage at Woodland Road in connection with the "Drainage, 2008 – Woodland Road Project." Mr. Mann described the deteriorating condition of Woodland Road and, on the motion of Ms. Hines and the second of Mr. Mallozzi, the request was approved unanimously.

Mr. Mann then presented a request from the Public Works Department to enter into a contract for \$34,650 with Deering Construction, the low bid, for the repair and installation of bituminous curbs and drives at various locations in connection with the "Paving, 2008 – Bituminous Curbs and Driveways Project." He explained that about 25 such locations are in need of curbs and driveways and he described the erosion process causing the problem. Ms. Hines inquired into the expected life of the repairs and was told that they normally would last from 10 to 20 years. In response to a question from Mr. Walker, Mr. Mann confirmed that the cost of the bituminous (asphalt) applications had increased significantly – by \$15, to \$83 per ton. On the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Ms. Hines, the request was approved unanimously.

Mr. Beall next presented a request to enter into a contract for \$93,723 with Sisca Northeast, Inc., the low bid, for the expansion of the Police Department rear parking lot in connection with the "Paving, 2008 – Police Department Parking Lot Expansion Project." He described the deteriorating condition of the parking area and the various Town departments using the lot. The funding had been approved in last year's budget, and the repaving, including ramp rehabilitation, should result in an additional 18 to 20 parking spaces. After some limited discussion, the Selectmen unanimously approved the request, on the motion of Ms. Hines and the second of Mr. Mallozzi.

Mr. Walker then presented a request to approve the Easement and Indemnity Agreement between the Town of New Canaan and Kevin and Michelle Clark. The Agreement will shield the Town from potential liability and, in partial exchange for exclusive use of the easement, the Clarks will provide some additional plantings. The Agreement has been approved by the Park & Recreation Commission and has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. On the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Ms. Hines, the request was approved unanimously.

The Selectmen next, on the motions of Ms. Hines and the seconds of Mr. Mallozzi, unanimously approved the appointments of Jane Himmel as EMS Commissioner for a three-year term expiring November 15, 2010, replacing Anita Waxberg, who resigned, and of Eileen Boyd as an Alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a two-year term expiring December 1, 2009, replacing Lucia Zachowski, who resigned.

The Selectmen then, on the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Ms. Hines, unanimously approved a request from the New Canaan Nature Center to place a sign on the front lawn of Town Hall for the period from May 22, 2008 to June 5, 2008 advertising the Secret Garden Tour to be held on June 6, 2008.

On the motions of Mr. Mallozzi and the seconds of Ms. Hines, the Selectmen next unanimously approved tax refunds and legal bills.

Mr. Kaiser next presented a request from the Information Technology Department to approve attendance of four employees (including himself) at a Cisco Call Manager v6.0 Training Course in Boxborough, MA during June 23 to 25, 2008. On the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Ms. Hines, the request was approved unanimously.

The Selectmen then unanimously endorsed a Proclamation designating the Lakeview Avenue bridge as "Veterans' Memorial Bridge," to be so named at the Memorial Day Celebration on May 26, 2008.

At this point, Mr. Walker asked that one additional item be added to the Agenda: a request from the Public Works Department that the Selectmen ratify an amendment to the contract between the Town of New Canaan and Constellation Energy to fix cost for electricity generation for the period from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. On the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Ms. Hines, the item was unanimously added to the Agenda. Mr. Pastore made a presentation describing the advantages to the Town of the amendment and, on the motion of Mr. Mallozzi and the second of Ms. Hines, the Selectmen unanimously ratified the amendment.

There being no further business, the Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Maranis, Secretary