

**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2009
9:00 A.M. – Board Room of Town Hall**

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeb Walker, First Selectman
Sally Hines and Rob Mallozzi, Selectmen

ALSO PRESENT:

Lauren Cerretani, Clerk, Tax Collector Department
Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer
Jack Hennessey, Assistant Fire Chief
Kathleen Holland, Director of Inland Wetlands and Watercourses
Cheryl Jones, Human Resources Director
Tiger Mann, Senior Engineer and Assistant Director of Public Works
Bill Oestmann, Superintendent of Highways
Jim Rogers, Superintendent of Solid Waste
Tom Stadler, Administrative Officer
Andrew Kersey, The New Canaan Advertiser

Call to Order - Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. noting that all Selectmen were present.

Approval of Minutes - Mr. Walker made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mallozzi, to approve the minutes of May 5, 2009 regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Parking Commission - Ms. Hines made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mallozzi, to approve a recommendation from the Parking Commission to amend Section 41-7 of the Town Code. The recommendation would add another sentence to Section 41-7 C as follows: "No parking permit may be issued for any vehicle on which taxes, parking tickets or fines are owed to the Town." The motion was approved unanimously.

Sidewalk Café Seating - Le Pain Quotidien restaurant has submitted a request and plans to have an outdoor café seating area in the alley between The Playhouse and Le Pain Quotidien restaurant. After some discussion and questions about logistics and health issues, Mr. Mallozzi made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hines, to approve the request as presented, subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Fire Marshal, Health and Building Departments. The motion was approved unanimously.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grants - Chief Hennessey presented a request from the Fire Department to apply for two FEMA grants to buy new firefighting equipment. If the grants are awarded to New Canaan, there will be a 5% co-payment required by the Town. The first grant is for new protective equipment in the amount of \$38,966; the co-payment amount would be \$1,950. The second grant is for a fire pumper truck in the amount of \$627,000; the co-payment amount would be \$31,350. The grants will be awarded in late fall or winter. Mr. Walker made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mallozzi, to approve the request as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commitment for Ice-B-Gone and Salt - Mr. Oestmann presented a request from the Department of Public Works to commit to the purchase of 1,500 tons of Ice-B-Gone and 500 tons of salt for the treatment of roads, sidewalks and parking lots next winter. The total estimated cost of the commitment is \$180,000 which is included in the 2009-2010 budget. After some further explanation by Mr. Oestmann and some discussion and

questions, Mr. Mallozzi made the motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the request as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Noroton River- Riverbank Stabilization Project - Mr. Mann and Ms. Holland presented a request from the Department of Public Works to enter into a contract with AC&S Excavating for \$416,722 for the Noroton River – Riverbank Stabilization Project. Grant requirements name the Town as sponsor for the project; however the project will be funded entirely by federal and state grants and the homeowners. The project will “put the river back where it was” circa 1970 and includes a substantial planting plan. Mr. Mallozzi asked that Town Attorney review the contracts to ensure that the amounts not funded by federal and state grants will be the responsibility of, and paid for by, the relevant homeowners. Mr. Walker made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hines, to approve the request as presented, subject to the aforementioned review by the Town Attorney. The motion was approved unanimously.

Zinc Reduction Study - Messrs: Mann and Rogers presented a request from the Department of Public Works to enter into a contract with AECOM for \$124,600 for professional services in connection with a zinc reduction study at the wastewater treatment plant. The study is necessary to comply with orders from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The funding for this study is available from the Sewer Fund. Mr. Mallozzi made the motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the request as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Irwin Park Driveway - Mr. Mann presented a request from the Department of Public Works to enter into a contract with F. G. B. Construction for \$36,273.50 for the paving of the Irwin Park driveway, as a part of the Town’s roadway reconstruction program. A portion of the driveway has been declared unsafe and closed to traffic for about a month. After some discussion about possible alternative plans for the driveway, including using grass pavers, Mr. Mallozzi made the motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the request as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Crack Sealing - Mr. Mann presented a request from the Department of Public Works to enter into a contract with New York Bituminous for up to \$50,000 for sealing cracks in various roads and parking lots throughout the Town, as a part of the Town’s roadway reconstruction program. Mr. Mann mentioned that 80% of all unsealed roadway cracks will end up becoming a pothole, but only 1% of all sealed cracks will result in a pothole. He pointed out that this project is different from the road work that will be done as part of the economic stimulus package. Mr. Walker made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mallozzi, to approve the request as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sign Request - Mr. Walker made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hines, to approve a request from the New Canaan Garden Club to place a 30” by 36” sign on the front lawn of Town Hall from May 29 through June 6 for the New Canaan Garden Club Flower Show “Earth on our Hands” to be held on June 4th and 5th. The motion was approved unanimously.

Legal Bills - Mr. Walker made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mallozzi, to approve the legal bills as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Tax Refunds - Tax refunds totaling \$831.07 were presented for approval. Mr. Mallozzi made the motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the tax refunds as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Ms. Hines made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mallozzi, to adjourn at 9:53 A.M. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Stadler, Secretary