

Town of New Canaan Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2009
9:00 P.M. – Town Hall Board Room

Minutes

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer
John Howe, Public Works - Superintendent of Parks and Tree Warden
Cheryl Jones, Human Resources Director
Tiger Mann, Assistant Director of Public Works
Karen Miller, Parking Bureau Supervisor
Tom Stadler, Administrative Officer

Andrew Kersey, The New Canaan Advertiser
Amy Jeffries, New Canaan Patch
Brittany Lyte, New Canaan News

Mr. Walker called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

Approval of Minutes - Mr. Walker made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mallozzi, to approve of minutes from the November 17, 2009 regular meeting and the November 18, 2009 special meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Parking Fees – Ms. Miller presented a request from the Parking Commission to set the parking fees at \$5.00 per day for the New Canaan railroad station parking lot and \$4.00 per day at the Talmadge Hill railroad station parking lot effective March 1, 2010. She indicated that the current daily parking fees have been \$3.00 at both locations since 2004. Ms. Miller also mentioned that the South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA) has recommended that all locations offering daily parking in surface lots charge a \$5.00 per day rate to create an equitable daily parking rate for rail commuters across the region. After some questions and discussion, Mr. Walker made the motion to amend the request and to approve the parking fees at \$5.00 per day for the parking lots at both the New Canaan and Talmadge Hill railroad stations effective March 1, 2010. The motion was approved unanimously.

Menorah – Mr. Walker presented a request from the Menorah Lighting Committee to place a Menorah on God's Acre for the Chanukah Holiday from December 11 through December 20, 2009. Ms. Hines made the motion, seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the request as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Canaan Housing Authority – Mr. Walker informed the Board that he would be recommending Anne Cotton to the Town Council for membership on the New Canaan Housing Authority. It was noted that Ms. Cotton's experience in Town government and real estate makes her an excellent nominee for membership on the Housing Authority.

Tree Warden – Mr. Walker presented a request to reappoint John Howe as Town Tree Warden for a one-year term to expire December 1, 2010. Mr. Howe stated that he would welcome the reappointment and indicated that he has been pleased with the progress made with the program, especially in bidding work out, preventative maintenance and replanting. Mr. Howe also indicated that Mr. Mann would continue as a Deputy Tree Warden. Mr. Walker then stated that he thought Mr. Howe has done a great job. He commended him for maintaining his decorum at recent public meetings, noting that it was both remarkable and commendable. The Selectmen thanked Mr.

Howe for his excellent past service. Mr. Walker made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hines to approve the request as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Contracts under \$5,000 - Mr. Conrad presented the contracts under \$5,000 which were previously approved by the First Selectman. He also presented for approval a contract with Advanced Processing & Imaging (API) for annual maintenance for the OptiView document imaging system for \$6,200. Mr. Walker made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mallozzi, to approve the contract with API as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Tax Refunds – No tax refunds were presented.

Legal Bill – A legal bill for \$3,336 was presented for approval. Mr. Mallozzi made the motion, seconded by Mr. Walker, to approve the legal bill as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Signs – Mr. Stadler presented three previously-approved sign requests for the front lawn of Town Hall.

Adjournment - There being no further business, Mr. Walker made the motion, seconded by Mr. Mallozzi, to adjourn at 9:24 A.M. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas R. Stadler, Secretary