

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 21, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Judy Neville, First Selectman; Johnny Potts, Selectman.

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Paul Giusti, Selectman.

**ALSO PRESENT:** George Maranis, Administrative Officer; Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; Kevin Kelly, Director of Finance, New Canaan Nature Center; Tom Lewis, President of the Board of Trustees, New Canaan Nature Center; Frank DeNicola, Director of Public Works; Mose Saccary, Superintendent of Operations, Highway Department; Steve Benko, Recreation Director; Jack Hennessey, Assistant Fire Chief; Seth Pensa, New Canaan Advertiser; Kristiana Glavin, New Canaan News-Review.

Judy Neville called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and took the roll, noting the absence of Selectman Giusti. She asked that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 7, 2007 be approved and, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Ms. Neville, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. Kelly presented a request from the New Canaan Nature Center to enter into agreements with Fortino Escalante for \$20,200 to repair the Education Building main entrance and for \$12,300 to remediate water seepage in the basement of the Education Building. Mr. Lewis explained the process followed in selecting Fortino Escalante to do the work, noting that the main entrance repair will exceed the budgeted amount by \$5,000 and that the seepage remediation had not been budgeted. These shortfalls will be made up by deferring work budgeted for the Building's second floor bathroom and otherwise borrowing from other amounts budgeted for Nature Center repairs. Mr. DeNicola noted that \$80,000 had been budgeted for Nature Center repairs, and Mr. Lewis promised to keep all repair projects "budget neutral." Mr. Kelly also noted the importance of starting the work as soon as possible to take advantage of the Nature Center's two week summer shutdown. On the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Ms. Neville, the request was approved unanimously.

The next item on the Agenda, the hearing of a Grievance filed by the New Canaan Public Works Union, was deferred to the next meeting of the Selectmen by mutual consent of the Town and the Union because of deficiencies in notice procedures.

The Selectmen then, on the motions of Mr. Potts and the seconds of Ms. Neville, unanimously approved (1) the transfer of uncollectible Personal Property Taxes for List Years 1997 to 2004 to the Suspense Tax Book; (2) Tax refunds; and (3) Legal bills.

At this point, the Selectmen, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Ms. Neville, unanimously agreed to add to the Agenda a request from the Recreation Department to enter into a contract for \$128,027 with Romtec to construct a restroom building in Waveny Park. Mr. Benko, referring to documentation previously distributed to the Selectmen, described the facility in detail, both as to accommodations and appearance. He explained that the contract price of \$128,027 was within the budgeted amount of \$135,000, but that the cost of bringing utilities (electric, water and sewer) to the building could bring total expenditures to an amount modestly (\$15,000 - \$20,000) in excess of the budget. This would require a future appropriation or a line item transfer. On the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Ms. Neville, the request was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:18 am.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Maranis, Secretary