

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
Wednesday, April 13, 2011
Minutes**

Present: First Selectman William W. Fritz, Jr.; Selectmen Dolly Mezzetti, Thomas Vicino and Carol Walter.

Absent: Selectmen Ray Apel

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag.

VISITORS

Steve Bristol discussed the Indian River Turf Field and expressed his disapproval with the entire process. The WBA Group will be awarded the design contract and they develop bid specs. The WBA Group has already done a lot of work at no cost and they have good references. Only the design contract is being awarded today.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 6, 2011

Mezzetti made a motion to approve the minutes from April 6, 2011. Vicino seconded the motion. Walter requested the minutes be amended under Selectmen's Reports, last sentence. The sentence should say "There was a discussion on the current parking *situation* at the town docks." Mezzetti withdrew her first motion and made a motion to accept the minutes of April 6, 2011 as amended. Vicino seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter, to appoint Thomas Vicino to the Indian River Turf Field Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – MARINE PATROL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to table this until next week's meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS – OVERTIME SNOW/ICE AND WINTER STORM SUPPLIES BUDGET

Peter Neff, Director of Public Works, said they have completed their winter storm operations for the season and need to request additional funds for overtime snow and ice and winter storm supplies. There was a discussion on regionalizing but it was determined it would not be beneficial for the town. Neff reviewed the account detail reports. Walter questioned the over expenditures. Neff said the current accounting system will not allow you to override a PO amount. Mezzetti made a motion,

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seconded by Vicino to appropriate \$4499.00 into the Public Works overtime snow/ice budget and send to the Board of Finance for approval. The motion was unanimously approved. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to appropriate \$10878.00 into the Public Works winter storm supplies budget and send to the Board of Finance for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR INDIAN RIVER RECREATION TURF FIELD

Fritz reviewed the Park & Recreation Commission minutes from November 20, 2010 when the commission recommended awarding the Town Beach Building Project to Star Plumbing, Acorn-Bernier Electrical and Thompson General Contractor. Vicino made a motion, seconded by Mezzetti, to award Star Plumbing, Acorn-Bernier Electric and Thompson General Contractors the Town Beach Building Project. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a discussion regarding awarding The WBA Group the design contract for professional services for the Indian River Turf Field. Walter said she has zero confidence in Bill Aniskovich as a designer. Walter said she would like to see the design contract to out to bid. The charter does not require the town to go out to bid for professional services. A lot of the work already done by The WBA Group has been done at no cost. The WBA Group has done a lot of work in town and everything has always come in under budget and on time. Mezzetti made a motion to award The WBA Group the design contract for professional services for the Indian River Turf Field in the amount of \$107,000. Mezzetti, Fritz and Vicino were in favor of the motion. Walter was opposed. The motion passed 3-1.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Vicino had nothing to report.

Walter attended last Sunday's Historical Society's open house at The Morgan School. Walter said when touring the building she felt that every square inch of the building is being used and it would be a major mistake to eliminate 1/3 sq. ft.

Water said the Dog Park was approved by Planning & Zoning. Walter said she will ask Public Works if they can help with the signs.

Mezzetti had nothing to report.

Fritz said the Public Hearing on the 2011/2012 budget is tonight at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.

The Clinton Bike Fest is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2011 starting at Town Hall at 12noon. You can download a registration form at www.clintonct.org/bpac.htm.

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The MS Walk was held this past Sunday. Approximately 400 people walked and a lot of money was raised.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino
Administrative Assistant