

PRESENT Chairman Ronald Fedor, Norman Glidden, John W. Sheehan, Cheryl Larder, Mark Wiggins, Anthony Jessuck Jr.

ABSENT Alan Wilensky

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

RTM Thomas Dembek

MEDIA Paul Petrone, Waterford Patch

STAFF Ruth Beers, Finance Director; Yvette M. Pier, Secretary

Chairman Fedor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ITEM 1 Public Comment - none

ITEM 2 Approval and acceptance of minutes of Special Meeting on December 14, 2011
Regular Meeting on December 14, 2011

MOTION To approve minutes of Special Meeting on December 14, 2011 and Regular Meeting on December 14, 2011 as read.
Sheehan, Glidden Unanimous

At this time, the Board reviewed the item on the addendum as follows:

Request from Board of Selectmen on behalf of Police Chief Pendleton to approve an appropriation of \$14,356 from LI 20501-57506 Capital and Non-Recurring Designated Building Improvements, to LI 20529- 57457 Police HVAC project. This request is consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan.

MOTION To consider this request.
Sheehan, Glidden

Discussion: Funds are requested to replace the existing lines from the mechanical room to the chiller and to change the outside ductwork to separate it from combustion air.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request and recommend to the RTM

ITEM 3 Request from Board of Selectmen for the following out of series transfer on behalf of Library:
\$3,951 from LI 10536-51210 Clerical/Technical
3,951 to LI 10638-55778 Library Sewer System Upgrade

MOTION To approve the request as stated in the amount of \$3,951.
Sheehan, Glidden Unanimous

ITEM 4 Request from Board of Selectmen on behalf of Registrars of Voters for the following out of series transfer :
\$529 from LI 10102-51310 Voter Registration
\$529 to LI 10102-53020 Other Supplies

MOTION To approve the request as stated in the amount of \$529.
Glidden, Sheehan Yes: Fedor, Glidden, Jessuck, Wiggins, Sheehan
Abstain: Larder

ITEM 5 Review by First Selectman on status of former school building properties.

Mr. Steward reported that a committee was formed regarding Cohanzie School to determine its use. The committee eliminated retail use; would consider senior housing. Other considerations would be a merger of two church denominations or demolition of the school which could make the property more valuable.

Southwest School is being leased by LEARN for \$48,000 per year.

ITEM 6 Request from Neftali Soto, Chief Engineer, Utility Commission, for an appropriation of \$1,640,000 from Capital and Non-Recurring Undesignated Projects LI 20570-57999 for emergency repairs to the sewer main on Logger Hill Road, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on January 10, 2012

MOTION To consider this request.
Sheehan, Glidden

Discussion: The request was modified by the Board of Selectmen to \$745,000. Mr. Soto noted cost-sharing for this project was discussed with East Lyme and they have been kept informed regarding this problem. Discussion included the Wright-Pierce report noting many current unknowns to consider for determining the feasibility of complete replacement versus trenchless technologies such as slip lining, pipe bursting or cured-in-place lining systems. Mr. Sheehan was disappointed that revised cost estimates were not available since last October.

MOTION To reduce the request by \$150,000.
Larder, Fedor

The balance of the funds will come from funds under control of the Utility Commission by use of balances in sewer development maintenance.

The motion and second were withdrawn by friendly amendment.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request in the amount of \$745,000 and recommend to the RTM.

ITEM 7 Request from Neftali Soto, Chief Engineer, Utility Commission, and Ronald Cusano, Public Works Director for an appropriation of \$2,678,091 for the Harrison's Landing Sewers and Roads Reconstruction and Maple Court Sewers and Water Extension. Such funding is requested from Current Capital Improvement Fund LI 33159-55300 in the amount of \$33,185 for the extension of the water line at Maple Court; from Capital and Non-Recurring LI 20501-57640 – Sewer Ext/Road Reconstruction in the amount of \$67,380 and from Capital and Non-Recurring Undesignated Fund Balance LI 20500-31520 in the amount of \$2,577,526, based upon its consistency with the Capital Improvement Program to existing CNR LI 20502-57606 Harrison's Landing Sewer/Roads. This is subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on January 10, 2012.

This item was approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on January 10, 2012.

MOTION To approve the request as stated and recommend to the RTM.
Sheehan, Glidden Unanimous

ITEM 8 Request from Neftali Soto, Chief Engineer, Utility Commission, for an appropriation in the amount of \$128,697 from Capital and Non-Recurring Designated LI 20531-57685 I/I Mitigation and Control for the purchase of CCTV equipment for subsurface investigative purposes, based on its consistency with the Capital Improvement Program. This is subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on January 10, 2012

This item was approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on January 10, 2012.

MOTION To consider this request.
Sheehan, Wiggins

Discussion was held including the aggressive program to identify and mitigate inflow and infiltration (I/I) of ground and surface water in our sewer collection system. The investigations

are expensive and the Utility Commission, in consultation with the Finance Director, have determined that it's in the best interest of the Town to purchase its own equipment. A bid by Bahr sales of Wallingford, CT was submitted and meets all the specifications requested in the amount of \$128,697.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request in the amount of \$128,697 and recommend to the RTM.

ITEM 9 Liaison Reports

* Ms. Beers informed that a new member has been appointed to the Retirement Commission.

*She informed the Board the three budgets will not be available by January 28 – Board of Education, Insurance, and Retirement. These budgets will be affected by health care costs, the analysis of which is not complete.

*Mr. Steward reported on the painting job in the auditorium, the Community Center generator is being tested, the gold course is being sold and will be run as a golf course. Human Resources Director Barbara Aube is leaving February 17.

Mr. Sheehan:

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Declared surplus for sale two 2003 Ford Crown Vics with greater than 100,000 miles on them and four computers, one printer and 17 monitors as recommended by the IT Committee.

Social Service Grants hearings have started. They will conclude January 11, 2012.

Board of Selectmen budget hearings are January 17, 24, 26, 31, and February 2 and 7, 2012.

Waterford Utility Commission

Already discussed this evening.

Representative Town Meeting

L&A Standing Committee met last week and is meeting again on January 17, 2012 to discuss the Emergency Appropriation Authority Ordinance among other items. The new Chairman hopes to have the Public Hearing on the ordinance before the February RTM meeting so the ordinance may be considered at that meeting.

ITEM 10 Correspondence

December 21, 2011 Letter from Finance Director regarding Community Use of Schools
Formula-Based Budget Analysis for Fiscal Year 2013

December 22, 2011 Copy of Letter from Finance Director to Board of Selectmen regarding
Transmittal of the Departmental FY13 Budget Requests.

ITEM 11 Adjournment

MOTION To adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Glidden, Sheehan Unanimous

Prepared and submitted by

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary

