

PRESENT Chairman John W. Sheehan, George Peteros, Cheryl Larder, Kenneth Brown, Ronald Fedor, Alan Wilensky, Rosalyn Dupuis

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward, Selectman Paul Suprin

RTM Thomas Dembek

ALSO Dr. Randall Collins, Superintendent of Schools; Waterford High School Principal Donald Macrino, Town Planner Thomas Wagner, Police Chief Murray J. Pendleton, Town Treasurer Bernard Pisacich, Ken Biega and James Hoaglund of JCJ Architecture; Jay Miner, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Bond Counsel Judith Blank of Day-Pitney LLP

MEDIA Stephen Chupaska, The Day

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

Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ITEM 1 Public Comment - none

ITEM 2 Approval and acceptance of minutes of:
Regular Meeting on April 7, 2009

MOTION To approve minutes of Regular Meeting on April 7, 2009 as read.
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

Special Meeting on April 27, 2009

MOTION To approve minutes of Special Meeting on April 27, 2009 as read.
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

ITEM 3 Request from First Selectman to appropriate \$7,444 from funds designated in Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund, LI 20529-57682, Police Interior/Exterior Building Improvements – Front Entryway Doors, consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan.

MOTION To approve the request as stated and recommend to the RTM.
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

ITEM 4 Request from Board of Selectmen for the following out of series transfer in the Library budget:
\$4,000 from LI 10536-51210 Clerical/Technical to LI 10536-52100 Electricity

MOTION To approve the request as stated in the amount of \$4,000.
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

ITEM 5 Request from Board of Selectmen for the following out of series transfers in the Youth Services budget:

\$ 200 from LI 10419-52020 Postage to LI 10419-51110 Administrative
605 from LI 10419-52030 Professional Fees to LI 10419-51110 Administrative
1,000 from LI 10419-52070 Reimbursable Expenses to LI 10419-51110 Administrative
6,266 from LI 10419-52380 Programs to LI 10419-51110 Administrative

MOTION To approve the above request as stated in the amount of \$8,070.
Brown, Fedor Unanimous

\$ 30 from LI 10419-52050 Dues, Conferences and Education to LI 10419-51210 Clerical/Technical
MOTION To approve this transfer as stated in the amount of \$30.
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

ITEM 6 Request from Board of Selectmen for an additional appropriation of \$52,180 to LI 10116-51940 Pension Contributions

MOTION To approve the request as stated as a transfer from Contingency LI 10121-59010 in the amount of \$52,180.

Fedor, Dupuis

Unanimous

ITEM 7 Request from Board of Selectmen for an appropriation of \$70,000 from LI 20501-57640 Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund – Sewers Ext./Road Reconstruction at Harrison’s Landing, consistent with the Capital Improvement Program.

MOTION To consider this request.

Fedor, Dupuis

Chief Engineer Neftali Soto was present. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the project. There are 27 lots within Harrison Landing and 12 properties on Benham Road for a total of 39. Further discussion of lot sizes, existing condition of septic systems, some have failed, potential for state-mandated compliance, storm water run-off, cost of the subsequent sewer construction, recoverable assessments, the history of Harrison’s landing project and other projects in the Commission’s long range plan. Mr. Peteros felt there could be an alternate solution such as an engineered system for the 39 lots. He suggested that a feasibility study should be held to determine if there is a lower cost solution. Mr. Brown inquired if there is any potential for legal ramifications this presents if sewers are not installed. Mr. Soto said that if the design was completed but the construction delayed, the design would still be viable for construction at a later date .

MOTION To table this item.

Peteros, Wilensky

Unanimous

ITEM 8 Request from Recreation and Parks Commission to appropriate \$13,575 from Designated Capital and Non-Recurring LI 20537-57357 Tennis Court Repairs, and to appropriate an additional \$52,126 from CNR Undesignated Fund Balance LI 20500-31520 for Tennis Court Repairs, consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION To consider this request.

Fedor, Dupuis

Director Brian Flaherty was present and answered questions regarding repair of ‘bird baths’ at the tennis courts at Quaker Hill School and Leary Park.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request as stated and recommend to the RTM.

ITEM 9 To act upon a request of the Board of Selectmen to approve an appropriation of \$650,000 from Designated Capital and Non-recurring LI 20501-57600 New School Construction to provide a secondary access to the Waterford High School via “Miner Lane Access Road”, consistent with the Capital Improvement Program

MOTION To consider this request.

Fedor, Brown

Discussion was held regarding scheduling of construction work and the need for a road during construction, including costs of a two-lane haul road, a single-lane haul road, and the road as proposed. Chairman Sheehan asked if any of the Town’s public safety officials present had any specific information to offer in support of the road project that has not been presented to the Board. Police Chief Pendleton spoke in favor of this entrance to the campus and said the current ‘one way in, one way out’ situation is insufficient. He also spoke of an evacuation route in the event of an emergency and the need of emergency vehicles to have access to the campus. Further discussion regarding the specific cost of the road needed for purposes of the construction project and the completed road as proposed. Mr. Wagner

said the Planning and Zoning Commission has not indicated what it will require in terms of lighting or other improvements to the road. Mr. Peteros said he would support the cost of a single lane gravel road.

MOTION AMENDED to approve the gross cost of \$476,000 of a single unpaved road.

Peteros, no second

Motion failed

Selectman Paul Suprin spoke in support of the project.

Vote: To approve the request as stated in the amount of \$650,000 and recommend to the RTM.

Yes: Sheehan, Larder, Brown, Dupuis, Fedor, Wilensky

No: Peteros

ITEM 10 To consider and act upon a resolution whereby the Board of Finance recommends to the Representative Town Meeting that the Town of Waterford appropriate \$67,240,787 for design and construction of a new approximately 235,700 square feet Waterford High School located at 20 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, to accommodate approximately 1,106 students in Grade 9 through Grade 12. The project consists of (1) demolition of approximately 155,000 square feet of the existing building, including, but not limited to, the original 1950' s building, the cafeteria, and related spaces; (2) renovation and Code updates of approximately 110,000 square feet to the existing 1980's addition; (3) construction of approximately 125,700 square feet of a new three-story academic wing; (4) construction of and improvements to various administrative and academic spaces, including administrative offices, English, social studies, math and various specialty classrooms, science labs, a media center, cafeteria, computer labs, art rooms, music rooms, technology education spaces, and support rooms; renovations to the existing auditorium, field house, auxiliary gymnasium, locker rooms and pool; (5) various improvements to the existing fire sprinkler, alarm, heating, cooling and ventilation systems and telephone and technology systems, and; (6) various site work; limited field upgrades; new and improved parking areas; and improved bus and vehicular access areas; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$67,240,787 to finance the appropriation. (The full text of the Resolution is attached to this Agenda).

MOTION To consider this request.

Wilensky, Fedor

Chairman Sheehan read the resolution.

Discussion: Mr. Peteros felt that there is over \$5 million of contingency and that this is too much in this economy. Mr. Wilensky spoke in favor of the full contingency.

MOTION To amend the appropriation by reducing Design Contingency on the New Addition from 3% to 2%, a reduction of \$275,000.

Peteros, Larder

Yes: Peteros, Larder

No: Sheehan, Brown, Fedor, Wilensky, Dupuis

Motion failed

MOTION To amend the appropriation by reducing Design Contingency on Renovation and the Site from 8% to 6%, a reduction of \$328,000.

Peteros, Larder

Yes: Peteros, Larder

No: Sheehan, Brown, Fedor, Wilensky, Dupuis

Motion failed

MOTION To amend the appropriation by reducing Escalation Contingency from 2% to 1%, a reduction of \$631,000.

Peteros, Larder

Yes: Peteros, Larder, Sheehan

No: Brown, Fedor, Wilensky, Dupuis

Motion failed

ITEM 15 Selection of Auditors for FY 2008-2009

MOTION To award auditing services for FY 2009 to McGladrey & Pullen.

Peteros, Fedor Unanimous

Ms. Beers noted that this is a new auditor and recommended that all department heads, commissions and agencies be notified to eliminate all non-essential spending from June 16, 2009 to June 30, 2009 in order that FY 2009 books be closed in a timely manner. Chairman Sheehan and the Board agreed. Mr. Sheehan will issue such a notice.

ITEM 16 New Business - none

ITEM 17 Liaison Reports

Ms. Dupuis reported that the Police Commission will be requesting an additional appropriation due to payout of retirement benefits and the new Union Contract which could be as much as \$200,000.

Mr. Peteros asked Mr. Wilensky for information regarding the School Building Committee minutes and purchase of Elliptical Motion and Cross Ramp Machines for Clark Lane Middle School.

ITEM 18 Correspondence

Correspondence Enclosed:

April 8, 2009 Letter from Public Works Director Cusano informing of possibility of exceeding appropriations in that budget

April 7, 2009 Minutes of Special Meeting of School Building Committee

April 3, 2009 Copy of letter from Chairman Green of Utility Commission to RTM Moderator regarding Mago Point Wastewater Pump Station – CIP Funding Appeal

April 15, 2009 Agenda of Economic Development Meeting

March 18, 2009 Minutes of Economic Development Meeting

April 28, 2009 Treasurer’s Status Report as of March 31, 2009

April 13, 2009 Periodic Financial Statements from Town Accountant

Correspondence Previously Distributed:

April 8, 2009 Chairman Sheehan’s letter to RTM Moderator informing of Board of Finance actions regarding FY 2009-2010 budget

April 13, 2009 Copy of Chairman’s Sheehan’s letter to Chairman Green of the Utility Commission requesting additional back-up material on the Sewer Enterprise Fund

April 13, 2009 Periodic Financial Statements from Town Accountant

ITEM 19 Adjournment

MOTION To adjourn at 10:45 PM.

Brown, Wilensky Unanimous

Submitted by,

Prepared by,

Cheryl Larder, Clerk

Yvette M. Pier Secretary

