

PRESENT Chairman Ronald Fedor, Alan Wilensky, George Peteros, John W. Sheehan, G. Brian Vachris, Norman Glidden

ABSENT Rosalyn Dupuis

OFFICIALS Daniel Steward arrived at 7:20 pm.

RTM Thomas Dembek

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

ALSO Roslyn Rubinstein, Library Director; Ronald Cusano, Public Works Director; Thomas Wagner, Planning Director; Ryan McNamara, Assistant Director of Recreation and Parks

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

ITEM 1 Public Comment - none

ITEM 2 Approval and acceptance of minutes of July 21, 2010
MOTION To approve minutes of July 21, 2010 as read.

Vachris, Sheehan Yes: Wilensky, Sheehan, Vachris, Peteros
Abstain: Fedor, Glidden

ITEM 3 Request from First Selectman on behalf of Recreation and Parks Commission to appropriate \$45,000 from funds designated in Capital and Non-recurring Expenditure Fund LI 20537-57706 Soccer Lights at Spera Field consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION To consider this request.
Sheehan, Vachris

Greg Swanson, President of Waterford Youth Soccer and Robert Brule were present. They discussed their fund raising efforts, noting that \$1,500 was raised in July, and hope to raise \$20,000 per year. Mr. Peteros commended them for their efforts.

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

ITEM 4 Request from First Selectman on behalf of Public Works Director for an in-series transfer in Capital and Non-recurring Expense budget to complete Fog Plain – Daniels Avenue – Rope Ferry Road Sidewalks, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen at a special meeting.

FROM: 20509-57715 Sidewalks – Route 1 \$9,234
TO: 20509-57402 Sidewalks – Fog Plain, Daniels, etc. \$9,234

This item was approved by the Board of Selectmen at a Special Meeting on August 10, 2010.

MOTION To approve the request as stated.
Sheehan, Glidden

Mr. Sheehan offered a friendly amendment, Mr. Glidden a friendly second to add “in FY 10” to the request.

Vote: Unanimous

ITEM 5 To compare tax collections from June 30, 2009 – June 30, 2010
The Board reviewed the following comparison presented by Tax Collector Mark Burnham.

	July 2010 – Grand List of 10/1/09			July, 2009 – Grand List of 10/1/08		
	Collections	Adj. Levy	%	Collections	Adj. Levy	%
Real Estate	28,927,866	49,935,029	57.9%	27,132,510	46,443,116	58.4%
Personal						
Property	13,364,190	13,470,783	99.2%	12,509,855	12,549,828	99.7%
Motor Vehicle	1,972,362	2,432,998	81.1%	1,839,322	2,255,218	81.6%
Total	44,264,418	65,838,810	67.2%	41,481,687	61,248,162	67.7%

ITEM 6 Review of Capital Projects for FY 2010
The Board reviewed and discussed the departmental submissions in the document.

MOTION To approve the Capital Project submissions – Current Year Capital Appropriations Returns \$68,341.58, and Capital and Non-recurring \$365,918.28 – total of \$434,259.86.
Sheehan, Peteros Unanimous

ITEM 7 To appoint a member of the Board of Finance to serve on the building committee for Oswegatchie Fire Station

MOTION To appoint G. Brian Vachris to serve on the building committee for Oswegatchie Fire Station.
Sheehan, Peteros

There were no other nominations.

Vote: Unanimous

ITEM 8 To consider and act upon establishing an ad-hoc Capital Improvement Fiscal Planning Committee
MOTION To consider and act upon this request.
Sheehan, Wilensky

Discussion was held and the consensus was that this committee be formed by the First Selectman. Appointment of a member of the Board of Finance to the committee will be on a future agenda.

Motion and second were withdrawn.

ITEM 9 New Business - none

ITEM 10 Liaison Reports
Mr. Sheehan gave the following reports:
Board of Selectmen

Board has been meeting weekly in what has turned out to be a busy summer season.

Approved the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center lease revision with some changes. These proposed changes were rejected by the RTM at their meeting on August 2 when the RTM approved a forty year lease.

Some changes that will benefit the Town include a 1.5% of tuition paid by students enrolled in all the new O'Neill Theater Institute educational programs in addition to fifteen percent of gate receipts.

The theater agrees to upgrade to code all buildings in the theater center in addition to the new construction on the additional .95 acres leased to the O'Neill.

After a presentation by concerned citizens led by Margaret Ormond, the Board of Selectmen agreed to form an ad hoc committee to review and propose a site and plans for a new animal shelter.

Board of Selectmen awarded the bid for the 2012 assessment to Vision Appraisal Technology of Northboro, MA. The RTM approved the appropriation for the early contract at the August 2 meeting.

Yesterday afternoon, the Board of Selectmen also approved an in-series transfer of \$20,000 in FY10 to remove a negative balance from Solid Waste Disposal that occurred due to some end of fiscal year activity at the Preston Trash facility.

Waterford Utility Commission

The Utility Commission has not met since the last Board of Finance meeting.

School Building Committee

Mr. Wilensky reported that Great Neck School is proceeding on schedule. The committee heard a presentation by the architect regarding the renovation plans at the high school.

He also reported that a meeting of the search committee for Superintendent was held tonight.

ITEM 11

Correspondence

July 30, 2010 Copy of letter from Chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission to First Selectman regarding approval of Application #PZ2010-029, 51 Daniels Avenue to LEARN for use as a dual language middle school

July 20, 2010 Copy of letter from Dr. Collins, Superintendent of Schools, to Mr. Raymond Inzero, CPA, Chief of Office of Internal Audit regarding the school lunch program

**ITEM 12
MOTION**

Adjournment
To adjourn at 8:10 pm.
Sheehan, Glidden

Unanimous

Submitted by,

Prepared by,

Alan Wilensky, Clerk

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary