

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

ABSENT Kenneth Brown

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

RTM Andrea Kanfer, Thomas Dembek

ALSO Dr. Randall Collins, Superintendent of Schools; Kenneth Biega of O & G Industries; James Hoagland,
Architect of JCJ Architecture; Bernard Pisacich, Town Treasurer; Nicholas Kepple, Town Counsel;
Donald Macrino, Principal of Waterford High School

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

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

ITEM 1 Approval and acceptance of minutes of:
Regular Meeting on February 11, 2009

MOTION To approve the minutes of Regular Meeting on February 11, 2009 as read.
Fedor, Dupuis Yes: Fedor, Dupuis, Larder, Sheehan, Peteros
Abstain: Wilensky

ITEM 2 Public Comment - none

ITEM 3 Briefing on education matters by Superintendent of Schools Randall Collins

Dr. Collins gave a history of the new high school project. An informal presentation is scheduled for April 27 and vote on the project will be held on May 20, 2009. He explained the project cost of \$70,962,678, reimbursement eligibility of \$57,473,908, and the net cost to Waterford of \$54,115,658. Jim Hoagland of JCJ described the configuration of the structure, classroom area, administrative area, athletic fields, geothermal heating, ADA code compliance. Mr. Biega explained detail of the construction cost estimate summary and project cost summary.

Joseph Mooney addressed the Board in support of the athletic field area that he feels is very encouraging as presented.

Mr. Peteros suggested that the contingency in the cost be re-visited. Mr. Fedor questioned the industry standard for architectural and CM fees.

ITEM 4 Request from First Selectman to appropriate \$12,000 from Capital and Non-recurring Expenditure Fund LI 20537-57709, Veterans' Building Roof Repair, consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION To consider this request.
Fedor, Dupuis

Recreation and Parks Director Brian Flaherty and Ryan McNamara were present. The proposal indicated that, upon site inspection, no areas of plywood deficiency were detected. Ms. Larder questioned the contingency amount of \$2,000. Mr. Flaherty did not offer a specific reason for the contingency other than to be sure there was enough money for the project.

MOTION To reduce the contingency amount to \$1,000.
Larder, Peteros Unanimous

Final vote: \$11,000 and recommend to the RTM Unanimous

ITEM 5 Request from First Selectman to appropriate \$8,400 from Capital and Non-recurring Expenditure Fund LI 20537-57704, Waterford Youth Football Equipment Storage, consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION To consider this request.
Fedor, Dupuis

Discussion: Mr. Sheehan felt that 10% contingency is too high.

MOTION To reduce contingency to 5% - \$382.
Sheehan, Peteros Unanimous

Final vote: \$8,018 and recommend to the RTM. Unanimous

ITEM 6 Request from First Selectman to appropriate \$6,000 from Capital and Non-recurring Expenditure Fund LI 20537-57705. Little League South, consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION To consider this request.
Fedor, Dupuis

Discussion was held regarding \$1,950 to replace the fire suppression system. The Board questioned that this money has already been spent. It was agreed that this money was spent in the previous fiscal year and reimbursement can't be made in the current fiscal year. This has previously been explained to Recreation and Parks staff. Discussion also included \$2,195 for a greaseless fryolator for \$2,195. Neither Mr. Flaherty or Mr. McNamara could provide any detail or reasoning for the league's requests. It was felt there is insufficient data presented to appropriate the funds at this time.

MOTION To table this request.
Fedor, Wilensky Unanimous

ITEM 7 Request from First Selectman to appropriate \$12,000 from Capital and Non-recurring Expenditure Fund LI 20501-57506, Building Improvement-Cohanzie Fire Station, consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION To consider this request.
Fedor, Dupuis

This request is for the boiler replacement project at Cohanzie Fire Station. Boilers are 26 years old.
Vote: Unanimous and recommend to the RTM.

ITEM 8 Request from First Selectman to appropriate \$44,705 from Capital and Non-recurring Expenditure Fund LI 20523-57701, Building Siding – Quaker Hill Fire Station, consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION To consider this request.
Fedor, Dupuis

Chief Matthew Carson said this bid was accepted because there were no commercial references for the lowest bidder.
The amount on the proposal is \$43,704.26. Appears to be a typographical error in the request.

MOTION To reduce the request by \$1,000 to \$43,705.
Peteros, Dupuis Unanimous

Vote: \$43,705 and to recommend to the RTM. Unanimous

ITEM 9 Request from Board of Selectmen for an additional appropriation of \$79,558 to LI 10108-52560, Miscellaneous Claims in the Legal budget for the demolition of buildings located at One 1st Street and 377 Rope Ferry Road

MOTION To consider this request.
Fedor, Dupuis

Planning Director Wagner and Attorney Kepple answered questions regarding the stipulated judgment, probate approval, the agreement to forebear on the foreclosure, the Town's lien position and noted that the delay in the project was due to the stipulation that landlord have the tenants vacate the building prior to commencement of work.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request as stated as a transfer from Contingency LI 10121-59010 in the amount of \$79,558.

ITEM 10 Consideration of response to letter from Utility Commission Chairman Peter Green

It was the consensus of the Board to respond to the Utility Commission letter as prepared by Mr. Sheehan.

ITEM 11 To consider and act upon a request from the Ad-Hoc Fleet Sizing and Utilization Committee to appropriate an additional \$15,200 to LI 10103-52030, Professional Fees, in the Board of Finance budget in order to award a contract to award the Fleet Sizing and Utilization Bid as recommended by the committee.

MOTION To consider this request.

Peteros, Fedor

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request for \$15,200 as a transfer from Contingency LI 10121-59010.

ITEM 12 To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Fleet Sizing and Utilization Committee to award Bid #09-122 in an amount not to exceed \$55,200 to Chatham Consulting, Inc.

MOTION To award the bid to Chatham Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$55,200.

Peteros, Fedor

Unanimous

ITEM 13 New Business

Ms. Beers made a presentation regarding revenue status and mill rate calculation based upon budget activity to date, the current grand list and best estimate of anticipated revenues. She explained that to get revenue needs to be \$2.5 million more than currently anticipated, an application of \$2.5 million from surplus or any combination of the three.

ITEM 14 Liaison Reports – none

ITEM 15 Correspondence

Previously distributed:

February 10, 2009 Letter from Chairman Green of the Utility Commission regarding the Board of Finance decision in the matter of the Harvey Avenue

February 13, 2009 E-mail from Quaker Hill Fire Company Chief Carson including minutes of October 9, November 13, December 11, 2008, January 8, 2009 and company status report

Correspondence enclosed:

February 26, 2009 Correspondence from Thomas Wagner regarding over expenditure in the Building Maintenance electricity line item

February 24, 2009 Correspondence from Emergency Director Pendleton informing of shortage in Electricity LI 10222-52100

February 13, 2009 Copy of letter to RTM informing of Board of Finance actions on February 11, 2009

February 13, 2009 Copy of letter to RTM regarding replacement of Boston Post Road Sidewalk from Fog Plain to Tiffany Avenue and Municipal Complex Clean-up

February 10, 2009 Minutes of School Building Committee

February 24, 2009 Minutes of Special Meeting of School Building Committee

February 13, 2009 Status of Contingency from Town Accountant

February 17, 2009 Status of General Fund Unreserved Balance from Town Accountant

February 18, 2009 Agenda of Economic Development Commission

January 21, 2009 Minutes of Economic Development Commission

March 9, 2009 Minutes of Ad Hoc Committee on Fleet Sizing and Utilization

March 9, 2009 Letter from Town Clerk Robert Nye informing of over-expenditure of \$130 in LI 10109-52050 and a projection of \$330 in this line item by the end of fiscal year

ITEM 16 Adjournment

MOTION To adjourn at 8:30 pm.
Fedor, Dupuis

Unanimous

Submitted by,

Prepared by,

Cheryl Larder, Clerk

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary