

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 3, 2000

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Galen Stearns, Carolyn Webber, Christopher Doyle and Roger Hohenberger. Mrs. Crisler was excused. David Sullivan, Town Administrator, was also present. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Sullivan stated that there is a Foreign Student Exchange program scheduled for July 24 - August 14. The students are from Korea and their ages range from 14 to 17. Host families are needed - if interested please contact Cindy Aglidanelian at 603 598-3770.

Mr. Stearns congratulated Windham students for their great work at the Destination Imagination competition.

**LIAISON REPORTS:** Planning Board Selectman alternate, Mr. Hohenberger reported that the Planning Board gave conditional approval to the subdivision, Morrison Hills.

**SUZDAL, SISTER CITY:** Barbara Coish returned from a successful and enjoyable visit to our Sister City, Suzdal, Russia. She noted that this was a special trip as our assessor, Rex Norman and his wife, Cheri Maw, successfully completed the adoption of three beautiful children from the orphanage in Suzdal. Congratulations to the Normans. Mrs. Coish read a letter from the mayor thanking Windham for their generous donation for the orphanage, and presented two books for the Library, and a special whistle for the Selectmen and Mr. Sullivan.

Mrs. Coish also stated they hope to have a contingent from Russia visit Windham this summer.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Fruchtman introduced Timothy Dunn who is a new full-time Firefighter EMT. The official badge pinning ceremony was held. Mr. Dunn has been with the department for a couple of years, as a call person. The Board welcomed FF Dunn to the full-time Fire Department staff.

Child Seat Program: Chief Fruchtman introduced Call FF Frank DeCicco, who has attended an intensive program on child seat safety.

Call FF DeCicco explained the four day course he attended. Post course objectives include: educating the parents to correctly install the child seats, demonstrating various child seats, checking installations, and have more department members take the course

Station Update: Chief Fruchtman reported that they had received only one bid for the garage for \$42250.38. Department members and local contractors will do the work for a total cost of about \$25,000.00. He recommended that we do not accept the bid and authorize the department to purchase the materials. Ms Webber motioned not to accept the bid for the outbuilding and allow the Fire Department to purchase the materials and pay the workers the minimum wage (for Worker's Compensation coverage) to build the structure. Mr. Doyle seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Chief told the Board that a lot of the equipment has been installed and the painting and flooring is continuing.

The Chief warned residents of a telephone scam: Caller claims they are from the Windham Fire Department and want to check your smoke detector. They are NOT from our department. If you call us, we will check your detector but we are calling you.

Mr. Doyle motioned to award the bid to replace the existing single stage PTO pump on Engine 2 with a Hale two stage mid ship pump as recommended by the Chief. The bid also includes the fabrication and installation of a solid hose bed cover. Ms Webber seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Chief stated that while Engine 3 is being repaired for damages that the \$3500, earmarked for repairs to this vehicle for this year, be used for a solid hose cover. The estimated cost is \$ 3150.00 Ms Webber motioned to approve purchase of the solid hose cover for \$3100. Mr. Hohenberger seconded. Passed unanimously. The damages are being covered by the responsible parties' insurance company.

Mr. Sullivan stated that Chief Fruchtman received the annual Tom Fratus Award for outstanding service at the Firemen's Ball last week. Congratulations!

**TURTLE ROCK ROAD:** Mrs. DeLuca read a statement addressing the ongoing history of the residents of Turtle Rock Road attempting to have the Town declare Turtle Rock Road as an emergency lane. To date, the Board has voted that the criteria to declare the road as an emergency lane has not been met nor will the Board change the criteria. Also, Mr. Sullivan noted that the School Board's decision has been not to have the bus pass through the road but will agree to using a turnaround at #72 Turtle Rock Road.

Mr. Hohenberger questioned the safety issues. Ms Webber referred to the governing RSA and felt that the Board had stretched the law as far as possible. Mr. Hohenberger said he would like to hear why Laidlaw will not travel the whole road. Mr. Sullivan suggested that the Board and School Board discuss this at their next joint meeting. Mr. Doyle made a motion to deny changing the criteria.

Tony DeLuca read a statement noting that currently the bus stop is a mile from the house and that he felt he was being discriminated against by the bus stop being so far. Ms Webber seconded Mr. Doyle's motion. Motion passed three to one with Mr. Hohenberger opposed.

**GRIFFIN PARK - IRRIGATION BIDS:** Mr. Sullivan stated that on March 22nd bids were opened for the irrigation for Griffin Park. Only one bid was received from Tokanel Landscaping for \$59,000. The bid was reviewed by the Griffin Park Committee and they recommend the Board accept the bid. Amount budgeted was \$70,000.00. Ms Webber motioned to approve awarding the bid to Tokanel for the bid price. Mr. Doyle seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Hohenberger asked about rumors he heard that the Town is being fined by the State for not having the correct permits. Mr. Sullivan stated that this is not correct and the Town and State are working hand in hand.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**MINUTES:** Ms Webber motioned to accept the minutes of March 20, 2000 as presented. Mr. Doyle seconded. Passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Hohenberger requested a status update on a Recreation matter which Mr. Sullivan provided.

Mr. Sullivan gave the Board a listing of the present Board liaisons and asked them to review it and let him know their interests.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS:** Mr. Doyle motioned to go into non-public sessions in accordance with

RSA 91-A:3, IIa, b and c. Ms Webber seconded. Roll Call Vote - All members - yes. The Board, Mr. Sullivan and Chief Fruchtman were in attendance in the first session. The Board and Mr. Sullivan were in attendance in the remaining sessions.

Personnel: A personnel issue was discussed and Mr. Sullivan and Chief Fruchtman will follow up. Mr. Doyle motioned and Ms Webber seconded to seal the minutes from this session. Passed unanimously.

Ms Webber motioned and Mr. Doyle seconded to offer the candidate recommended by the search committee the position of MIS Director, pending usual medical and background checks. Passed 3-1 with Mr. Hohenberger opposed. Mr. Hohenberger noted that he didn't question the qualifications of the candidate but rather that he had not supported the need for the position.

Ms Webber motioned and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to hire Thomas Erickson (presently part-time) as a full-time custodian. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Doyle motioned and Ms Webber seconded to give a stipend to Wayne Bailey as interim Road Agent. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Doyle motioned and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to hire Alice Hunt as the Deputy Tax Collector. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Doyle motioned and Ms Webber seconded to remove Fire Fighters DeMarco and Zins from probationary status. Passed unanimously.

Reputations: Mr. Doyle motioned and Ms Webber seconded to grant a hardship abatement. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Doyle motioned and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to appoint an individual to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, pending a confirming request from the Chairman of the ZBA. Passed unanimously.

Ms Webber motioned to adjourn. Mr. Doyle seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Davis  
Administrative Assistant

**NOTE:** These minutes are prepared in draft form and have not been submitted to the Board for approval.

