



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010
REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.**

**WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
LECTURE ROOM
324 FRENCH STREET
WATEROWN, CT 06795**

PRESENT: Elaine Adams
Richard DiFederico
Katherine Duplissie
Linda Masayda
Raymond Primini, Chairman
Paul Rinaldi
Mary Ann Rosa, Vice Chairman
Thomas Winn

ABSENT: Richard Fusco

OTHERS PRESENT: Frank Nardelli, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Primini, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Participation - none

5. Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – December 6, 2010

a. (Mary Ann Rosa sec. Katherine Duplissie) I move to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting – December 6, 2010 as written.

Discussion: None

Aye: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: (2) DiFederico, Rinaldi

MOTION PASSED

6. Chairman's Report

a. Correspondence - Read letter from State of Ct Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security

b. Clarification of Shared Service Charge – the committee was charged just for the maintenance and would like to expand it to buildings grounds, computer system payroll, purchasing and all aspect of the town and the Board of Education.

7. Town Manager's Report - none

8. Subcommittee Reports

a. Steele Brook Greenway Update – someone from the National Park Service will help organize and plan it.

b. Shared Services Committee – will ask Ms. Baldwin in January to set up meeting dates.

c. Public Works Committee – finalized guidelines for street lights and will be read next month. Will be going over Public Work's budget for next year on March 9th at 7:30. New road on French Street next to the Police Department Driveway has defects will watch and repair.

d. Crestbrook – will have meeting after the holidays.

9. New Business.

a. Consider appointments to boards and commissions.

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to nominate Kathleen Williams, 30 Charlotte Street, Oakville to The Commission on Aging to be reappointed as regular member for a term to expire January 31, 2013.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

(Paul Rinaldi sec. Elaine Adams) I move to nominate Sandra Greenwood, 156 Belden St, Watertown to the Commission on Aging as a regular member to fill the expired term of Helen Lukowski for a term to expire January 31, 2013.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to nominate Melanie Flaherty, 21 Neal Drive, Watertown to the Commission on Aging to be reappointed as regular member for a term to expire January 31, 2013.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Paul Rinaldi sec. Elaine Adams) I move to nominate Coreine Peluso, 365 Buckingham St, Oakville to the Commission on Aging as a regular member to fill the expired term of Wandy Witty for a term to expire January 31, 2013.

Discussion: none

Aye: 7

Nay: (1) Rosa

Abstain:

(Paul Rinaldi sec. Elaine Adams) I move to nominate Donna Masi, 33 Pleasantview St., Oakville of the Commission on Aging as a regular member to fill the expired term of Kathleen Plunkett for a term to expire January 31, 2013.

Aye: 7

Nay: (1) Rosa

Abstain: 0

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to nominate Michael Genovese, 24 Lockwood Drive, Watertown to the Conservation Commission to be reappointed as a regular member for a term to expire January 31, 2014.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to nominate Edwin Udercuffler, 88 Hamilton Avenue, Watertown to the Conservation Commission to be reappointed as a regular member for a term to expire January 31, 2014.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to nominate Robert M. Porter, 71 Cherry Avenue, Watertown to be reappointed as Constable for a term to expire January 31, 2013.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Kathleen Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to nominate Bill Donston, 105 Dunrobin Lane, Watertown to the Park and Recreation Commission to be reappointed as a regular member for a term to expire January 31, 2014.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Kathleen Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to nominate John Woermer, 10 Deer Run, Watertown to the Park & Recreation Commission to be reappointed as a regular member for a term to expire January 31, 2014.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Kathleen Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to nominate William Hedberg, 259 Franson Road, Watertown of the Water & Sewer Authority to be reappointed as a regular member for a term to expire January 31, 2014.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Kathleen Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to nominate Matthew Grabel, 70 Peck Lane, Watertown to the Water & Sewer Authority to be reappointed as a regular member for a term to expire January 31, 2014.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Kathleen Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to nominate Nancy Maton, 32 Porter Street, Watertown of Watertown Library Board of Trustees to be reappointed as a regular member for a term to expire September 30, 2011.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Paul Rinaldi sec. Elaine Adams) I move to nominate Alan Mickel, 95 Woodvine Avenue, Oakville as a representative to the Torrington Area Health to replace Marcy Kane for a term to expire January 31, 2014.

Discussion: none

Aye: 7
Nay: (1) Duplissie
Abstain: 0

(Paul Rinaldi sec. Elaine Adams) I move to nominate Jean King of the Historic District to be reappointed as a regular member for a term to expire January 31, 2016.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

(Paul Rinaldi sec. Elaine Adams) I move to nominate Gary Lafferty, 214 Belden Street, Watertown to the Police Commission to replace Joe Pawlak as a regular member for a term to expire January 31, 2016.

Discussion: none

Aye: 7

Nay: (1) Rosa

Abstain: 0

(Paul Rinaldi sec. Linda Masayda) I move to nominate Colin Adams, 18 Hadley St., Oakville to the Building Code Board of Appeals as a regular member to replace Stephen Ouellette for a term to expire January 31, 2014.

Discussion: none

Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: (1) Adams

(Paul Rinaldi sec. Elaine Adams) I move to nominate Nancy Rehuba, 99 Old Farms Rd., to the Watertown of Economic Development Commission as a regular member to fill the expired term of Donato Orsini for a term to expire January 31, 2016.

Discussion: none

Aye: 6

Nay: (2) Duplissie, Rosa

Abstain: 0

- b. Consider a bid waiver for computers for Watertown High School Areas D & E purchased from Hewlett Packard through Advanced Corporate Networking through the WSCA contract in the amount of \$53,379.20.

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to approve a bid waiver for computers for Watertown High School Areas D & E purchased from Hewlett Packard through Advanced Corporate Networking through the WSCA contract for an amount not to exceed \$53,379.20.

Discussion: Ms. Adams is this part of the original FF&E.

DiFederico: they have not been purchased them yet.

Clancy: correct, this is the final phase.

Duplissie: can someone explain to me where desktop computers go under the purview of the Public Buildings Commission. Are desktop computer an asset or a fixture.

Adams: fixture, furnishing and equipment.

Masayda: did it go through competitive bids

Clancy: it is a consortion purchasing, we have good pricing and compared it to state pricing, state pricing was higher.

Masayda: you have done some comparison pricing and how many computers is it.

Ceniccola: 80 computers, 2 computer labs with 30 in each in along with teacher stations.

Aye 6

Nay: (2) Duplissie, DiFederico

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSED

- c. **Consider a bid waiver for graphic calculators and scientific calculators for the Watertown High School Math Program from D & H Distributing Company through the PEPPM contract in the amount of \$5,349.60.**

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to approve a bid waiver for graphic calculators and scientific calculators for the Watertown High School Math Program from D & H Distributing Company through the PEPPM contract for an amount not to exceed \$5,349.60.

Discussion: Clancy: this is for two different types of calculators, 30 are for the graphic calculators Algebra II, Pre-Calculus and Calculus with a teacher's software package and three classroom sets of scientific calculators' 30 each to be used for Algebra I or Geometry for students with a total of 120 altogether.

Duplissie: I have a problem with the Public Buildings Commission asking us for a bid waiver on this.

Adams: going back to 93, 94, and 95 when I had to purchase these calculators myself and they were \$119.00 at the time, when has it changed that we are buying these small portable calculators.

Clancy: it is part of the project, it included all for the FF&E, this was a part of that.

Ceniccola: it was approved as part of the project.

Rosa: I have a problem with denying this or voting against it after the fact. All of these numbers, all of the items being purchased everything has been out there for a very long time for the projects, for how it was being purchased and how much was being allowed. For us to second guess it now when it time to bring it into the room I think is very unfair.

Rinaldi if this motion is denied, and the bid waiver is denied, what do you do then, do you just go out and bid this out and buy it where you want to, what is the cost savings on this.

Clancy: I have not done the cost calculation, we would have to go back to the Superintendent and the PBC and decide what to do, if they want to do it through a bid process.

Primini: this is already in the scope of the project; the only thing you are asking for is the bid waiver to go with this company, so if you bid it higher it would just go to that bid anyways, is that what I understand.

Clancy: yes

Primini: they are going to get it anyways, but what they are asking for is a bid waiver to go with this outfit at this price.

Clancy: the money was allocated and did not go over what was allocated.

Adams what type of security are you going to put on these, how are you going to keep track of them. The process has always been that we have to purchase them; the parents were responsible for this. I never received a full FF&E listing and very troubled by this. These are very portable, they can be pawned what kind of accountability is there to this.

Clancy: they are going to be supervised, I am sure they will have a plan in place and I can bring that back to them.

Primini you did implement an inventory program to keep track of things like this.

Clancy: that could be one aspect of it.

Rosa: it is not within our scope as council people to be directing them for security that is the Board of Ed and the Superintendents job.

Clancy: which will be addressed

Rinaldi: bid waivers are taken on a case by case basis and there always have to be a good justification for it and I think they are making a responsible decision. We have to look at the cost savings and justify what we are voting on.

Masayda: we have been spending an awful lot of money on computers and I have taken calculus they did not have the graphic calculators when I took it. I personally do not feel that it is necessary to grasp the concept of that. If we have computers there are a number of programs in which Excel can do your graphing for you. Basic routines that can do what we are looking for on this graphic calculator. I do not feel it is necessary and to me it is frivolous spending. I would love is somebody could do some research and say why are we using other tools we already have that cannot walk out the door.

Ceniccola: as I understand it, part of the education process within the school is to familiarize the students with that type of calculator because typically it is required in college other than laps and computers that they normally use. The bottom line is that is what is currently used at the college level for those types of Math programs.

Primini: I am going to clarify this, the purpose of this motion is for the bid waiver, they are items that are in the FF&E budget, the only difference is you are asking for the bid waiver to get it at a better price. If we vote no on this all that means is that you will bid it out and get them anyways.

Clancy: correct.

Ceniccola: we use these contracts to save time through the bid waiver process. It cost money to put things out to bid. Most of that work is done for us and minimize the cost.

Primini: whether we agree with the calculators or not that is another issue. In a lot of ways I have a problem with this because it is something that might have a five year life expense was we have to pay for it over 20 years, under this project they are going to get these anyways, all we are voting on is the bid waiver.

Adams: you raised a very good point we are going to be paying 20 to 25 years on these calculators so they are not that amount they are a lot more with interest over time and this is something that should be a budget item.

Duplissie: I understand it is a bid waiver I just think this whole thing of \$58,000 for computers and calculators from the Public Buildings Committee is ridiculous.

Aye 3

Nay: 5

MOTION DEFEATED

- d. Consider setting a Special Town Meeting date, time and place to consider an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 from the open space fund for the purchase of real property located along the Steele Brook Greenway Project.**

Nardelli made a correct the amount should be \$51,500 the extra \$1,500 is for closing cost and attorneys fees.

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Elaine Adams) I move to set a Special Town Meeting to be held on January 18, 2011 at Watertown High School Meeting Room at 7:15 pm to consider an appropriation in the amount of \$51,500 from the open space fund for the purchase of real property located along the Steele Brook Greenway Project.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- e. Consider the appointment of an attorney to serve the Charter Revision Committee.**

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to appoint _____ as special counsel for the Charter Revision Committee at an hourly rate of _____.

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard DiFederico) I move to postpone action appointing the attorney for the Charter Revision Committee.

Rosa: we received the information tonight and we need to review it.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

f. Consider a resolution authorizing tax refunds.

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Elaine Adams) I move to approve the resolution authorizing the tax refunds.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Taxpayers have made application for the property tax refunds in accordance with Section 12-129 Refund of Excess Payment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that the refunds be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-129;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the following tax refunds:

3,270 JOHNSON ROZELLE AMOUNT OF REFUND: 52.72
 & ARTIE TYPE: R
710 S HOBART BLVDE APT 106
LOS ANGELES CA 90005 4530
REASON FOR REFUND: DUPLICATE PAYMENT.

3,437 EMERICK SHIRLEY L AMOUNT OF REFUND: 1,097.74
 TYPE: R
990 GUERNSEYTOWN RD
WATERTOWN CT 06795 5122
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,439 LEBLANC ROBERT P AMOUNT OF REFUND: 913.56
 & MAUREEN A TYPE: R
78 HIGHLAND AVE
WATERTOWN CT 06795 5251
REASON FOR REFUND: DUPLICATE PAYMENT.

3,449 SOLIWOCKI PAUL AMOUNT OF REFUND: 41.24
 TYPE: R
17 KREGER DR
WOLCOTT CT 06716 8100
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,457 ZOTTO ROCCO A AMOUNT OF REFUND: 4.60
TYPE: M

88 SHAW FARM RD
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1466
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED

3,458 DEPOLO GERALD G OR AMOUNT OF REFUND: 117.55
DEPOLO FLAVIA T TYPE: M

29 LOCKWOOD DR
WATERTOWN CT 06795 2511
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT PRORATED

3,459 DESENA LAWRENCE P OR AMOUNT OF REFUND: 38.90
DESENA MARIE J TYPE: M

316 DAVIS ST
OAKVILLE CT 06779 2315
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,460 BELICA GJULADIN AMOUNT OF REFUND: 64.00
TYPE: M

51 RICHMOND AVE A4
WATERBURY CT 06705 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED

3,461 BELICA GJULADIN AMOUNT OF REFUND: 53.69
TYPE: M

51 RICHMOND AVE A4
WATERBURY CT 06705 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED

3,463 RUSSO GAETANO A AMOUNT OF REFUND: 468.11
TYPE: M

1 UMBERFIELD RD
WATERBURY CT 06708 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED

3,465 RUSSO GAETANO A AMOUNT OF REFUND: 397.13
TYPE: M

1 UMBERFIELD RD
WATERBURY CT 06708 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED

3,466 STOREZ RAYMOND AMOUNT OF REFUND: 38.00
TYPE: M
85 BEACH AVE
WATERTOWN CT 06795 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,467 VOITY FRANCIS T AMOUNT OF REFUND: 414.77
JENNIFER TYPE: R
230 BUCKINGHAM ST
OAKVILLE CT 06779 9172
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

TOTAL FOR ALL REFUNDS: 4,007.00

Dated at Watertown, CT this 20 day of December, 2010.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Public participation - none

11. Adjournment.

Motion: (Mary Ann Rosa sec. Thomas Winn) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond F. Primini, Chairman
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Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk