

The October 14, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen was convened by First Selectman Edward Maum Sheehy at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Central Meeting Room.

Present: Ms. Ferrante Fernandes, Ms. Heller, Mr. Kenefick, Dr. Sabshin, and Mr. Sheehy

Absent: Ms. Stein

Present for Staff: Mr. Genovese, Finance Director; Mr. Hellauer, Administrative Officer; Mr. Perito, Town Counsel; and Mrs. Shaw, Clerk.

WOODBIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION – Dr. Stella

Dr. Stella reported on activities at Beecher Road School:

- Eagle Scout candidate, Alex Carpenter, along with several scouts, family members and other volunteers worked over the Columbus Day weekend to restore the nature trail at Beecher. Brush was cut back, weeds removed, and mulch (donated by the Town) was spread on the trail. Dr. Stella said that this Eagle Scout project saved the school over \$14,000.
- The Kucinkas Loop is used daily, by students, staff, and residents. Teachers are investigating ways to incorporate it in the curriculum.
- A Well Committee has been established to oversee the social, emotional, and physical well being of the students. Activities include: introduction of healthy foods in the café, outside physical activity, repairs to the playgrounds, guidelines for use of the “loop”, health and safety issues. The school is providing information to parents regarding the H1N1 flu. There may be an after school clinic administered by QVHD.
- CMT scores – the 6th grade class achieved 100% proficiency in math; overall district scores are 94.2% in reading, and 95.7% in math. Third grade reading needs to be improved. Beecher is one of the highest performing districts in the State.
- Building is over 50 years old and wearing out, and there have been problems with the boilers for several years. Recently some pipes failed, impeding the delivery system. Repair work has been done and the consultant said that the boilers should last another couple of years, however, the boilers are being retrofitted to accept portable boilers if necessary.

VOTE TO SUSPEND THE ORDER OF THE PUBLISHED AGENDA

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Sabshin) to suspend the order of the published agenda to hear Pio Imperati regarding the memorial bench.

INSTALLATION OF BENCH IN MEMORY OF JARED ROSNER

Mr. Pio Imperati explained that he is President of the Jared Rosner Charitable Foundation. Jared, a former resident, died in 2004 in a skiing accident. He was very active in tennis, locally and nationally. Mr. Imperati is requesting permission to install a memorial bench to the left of the main entrance to the Center Road tennis courts. He is also requesting permission to hold a dedication ceremony at the courts on October 31st. The Board approved the concept of the memorial bench at its September 9, 2009, meeting. The Board's action now is to approve the location of the bench.

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Kenefick – Ferrante Fernandes) to approve the installation of a granite bench in memory of Jared Rosner to be located to the left of the main entrance to the Center Road tennis courts.

AT&T CELL TOWER – Kevin Dey and Daniel Laub

Kevin Dey, Engineer with SAI Communication and Atty. Daniel Laub with the law firm of Cuddy & Feder, representing AT&T, were present to answer questions regarding the proposed construction of a cell tower on the Shepherd Farm at 1990 Litchfield Turnpike.

Mr. Sheehy explained that the purpose of the presentation was for informational purposes as the Board of Selectmen has no jurisdiction over the application. He said that jurisdiction rests with the Connecticut Siting Council. Mr. Sheehy said that the Siting Council will hold a public hearing in Woodbridge, probably in January 2010, to receive comments on the project.

In order to provide a background for presentation, Mr. Sheehy then read portions of a September 9, 2009, letter from Daniel Laub describing the project.

“The property being considered for the proposed wireless tele-communications facility, is located at 1990 Litchfield Turnpike. The proposed facility will be located in the northern portion of the parcel and will consist of a 170 foot self-support monopole tower, antennas, access drive and a 75’ x 75’ fenced equipment compound design to accommodate unmanned equipment either in single story equipment buildings or on concrete pads. Vehicular access to the site will extend from Litchfield Turnpike over 80’ of existing asphalt driveway and 985’ of new gravel access drive in the location of an existing dirt path. Utility connections would extend underground from Litchfield Turnpike to the equipment compound.”

Mr. Sheehy noted that some modifications were made to the proposed plan following presentation to the Woodbridge Town Plan & Zoning Commission.

Mr. Sheehy also read from a letter by S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director of the Connecticut Siting Council: ***“this request will be placed on a future meeting agenda to adopt a schedule which will include a public hearing in your Town. Pursuant to General Statutes § 16-50x(a), municipalities may provide to the Council location preferences or other criteria for the siting of tele-communications towers that brought to the Siting Council for approval. The Council requests submission of these comments by October 26, 2009. Please be advise that your involvement with the Council process may occur in various ways – such as written comments, party status, and or participation at a public hearing.”***

Mr. Laub introduced himself and corrected his September 9th letter. He said that the area of the equipment compound is 40' by 90'; that it is correct on the drawings, the correction to the narrative was overlooked.

He explained that AT&T has needed coverage in the area for some time. The proposed facility would serve the area of Route 69 (Litchfield Turnpike), Dillon Road, and a portion of Route 63 (Amity Road). He said that in 2007 the Town requested information from the Siting Council regarding the need for cell communication coverage. The Council then contacted all carriers in the area to ascertain if they have a need for coverage in Woodbridge. Mr. Laub said that AT&T explored installing antennas on existing tall structures before deciding to construct a tower. The only compatible structures in the area are the CL&P transmission towers and CL&P did not grant permission for their use. He said that it is possible three additional carriers would locate on the proposed tower.

When asked about the public hearing – Mr. Laub stated that he expects the Siting Council to hold it in early January 2010. He said that on the day of the hearing a balloon would be raised to the height of the tower.

Following discussion of location of other towers, use of transmission towers in other municipalities, Mr. Sheehy opened the floor to members of the public. A copy of all correspondence is attached to and become a permanent part of these minutes.

Several residents spoke against the construction of a Tower on the ridge overlooking the Litchfield Turnpike valley (aka Happy Valley) that would serve only a 1.5 mile radius of cell phone users. Those speaking and/or entering correspondence into the record were: Maria Kayne, Chair, Woodbridge Conservation Commission; Richard Forselius, Past President of the Woodbridge Park Association; Carol Rosen, 14 Clark Road; Terri Eblen & Stuart Green, 1944 Litchfield Turnpike; Nancy Polk, 1932 Litchfield Turnpike; Constance Ecklund, 27 Cedar Road; Joseph Solodow 11 Clark Road; and Frank D'Ostilio, 3 Blue Trail Drive. All opposed the construction of the tower at 1990 Litchfield Turnpike, urging that other locations be considered. Mr. D'Ostilio conveyed in an e-mail that if the

site went forward, he said that if the tower could be disguised as a tree, he ***“would have no objection to the installation of a tower virtually in my back yard.”***

ACTION OF THE BOARD – It was the **UNANIMOUS CONSENSUS** (Sabshin – Heller) that the First Selectman, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, prepare a letter to the Connecticut Siting Council requesting that they explore alternative locations for a proposed tower other than the proposed site, and to include the recommendations: 1. Look at moving away from chosen location; 2. If tower must be near chosen location, consider installing antenna on other structures in the area such as: a) Regional Water Authority Filtration Plant, b) transmission line towers, c) existing structures on Shepherd Property (silos), d) design tower to look like a tree.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no further comments from the public.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 963 – HOLIDAY TREES/GREENS SALE

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Sabshin – Heller) to permit Troop 963, under the direction of Charles Whiting, to use the grove behind the Old Fire House for the sale of holiday trees.

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Ferrante Fernandes – Heller) to contribute \$600.00 toward the rental of a small trailer for shelter during the sale of Holiday Trees and to provide a portable toilet for the scouts use.

ANTI-CIGARETTE LITTER CAMPAIGN

Mr. Sheehy introduced David Steinmetz and Daniel Kruger, students that have been assisting with the Anti-Cigarette Litter Campaign.

David explained that the Town, through a grant from the Keep America Beautiful Program, purchased several “Smoker’s Outposts” that have been placed around Town. David and his cousin Daniel counted the number of cigarette butts found in various locations before and then again after the installation of the Outposts”. David reported that the number of butts discarded on the ground was reduced by 55%.

David made some suggestions to improve the project. These included removal of the old ash tray on the front porch of the Town Hall; add a second Smoker’s Outpost at the Fitzgerald Trails and at Blue Check Deli; replace the Smoker’s Outpost stolen from Center Field; place posters and Smoker’s Outposts at the Amity Bowling Alley and the Fan Restaurant (or ask them to purchase them).

Donald M. Priest, Jr., owner of the building at 270 Amity Road, sent a letter thanking the Town for the Smoker's Outpost installed at the entrance to his building.

The Board thanked David and Daniel for bringing the project to the attention of the Town and for their hard work in its implementation.

MASSARO FARM FUND RAISER

Mr. Jason Morrill, President of the Massaro Farm, Inc. was present to request that Town sanction the Conservation Commission's sponsorship of the Massaro Farm Family Fun Day to be held on October 24, 2009, rain date – October 25th. The event will be from 1 – 4:30.

In response to a question from Dr. Sabshin about parking accommodations, Mr. Morrill said that arrangements had been made with CT Hilltop Center (across the street) for parking. The Conservation Commission will contact the Police Department to determine if it will be necessary to hire a policeman.

Mr. Morrill said that: a green manure crop has been planted and work is continuing on the barn; they have not received confirmation from the IRS regarding the 501(3)c status; the search is continuing for a farmer; they have been informed that the farm will receive a \$300,000 grant from the Federal Department of Agriculture.

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Sabshin – Stein) to approve the Conservation Commission's sponsorship of the Massaro Farm Family Fun Day.

TOWN COUNSEL REPORT

a) Country Club of Woodbridge – Exempt from Zoning Regulations - Mr. Perito said that in order to allow the current manager to operate a restaurant and sell liquor at the Country Club the Town needs to exempt, specifically, 50 Woodfield Road, the main club house, from the Zoning Regulations. Mr. Perito said that the Selectmen had exempted the Town property on Lucy Street for the ground lease for the elderly housing.

He then reviewed the "First Amendment to Maintenance-Management Agreement". The amendment lists the Town as owner of the property; in exchange for the Town exempting the property from zoning, MDM agrees, that depending on a reasonable business demand for food services, the limit of the restaurant hours shall be: Sunday and Monday 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The agreement also limits the type of permitted entertainment and use without the written approval and consent of Woodbridge. It also states that all signage is subject

to the Zoning Regulations of the Town and approval must be obtained prior to erection or placement.

ACTION: The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Kenefick – Sabshin) to exempt 50 Woodfield Road from the Zoning Regulations of the Town of Woodbridge.

b) Remediation Award – Mr. Perito said that Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) has acknowledge receipt of the completed Form III, fee payment in the amount of \$3,000, and the Environmental Condition Assessment Form (“ECAAF”). Pursuant to CGS §22a-6(b), municipalities pay 50% of the \$3,000 fee due pursuant to CGS §22a-134e, therefore the Town will receive a refund in the amount of \$1,500.

Time table for remediation – HRP will prepare a letter outlining the time table and the costs for the remediation.

60 Woodfield Road – The DEP has acknowledged receipt of notification from Mr. Perito of the Phase II investigation that listed the well at 60 Woodfield Road as showing an elevated level of Chloroform. Mr. Annunziata, who purchased the property from the Woodbridge Country Club, hired a firm to remediate the well contamination and DEP will continue to work with him.

Half-way House – State Department of Health (“DPH”) sent a letter to Mr. Genovese stating that the status of the public water system at the Half-way House has been changed to “inactive”. The letter also states that if the Half-way House is reopened the DPH and QVHD (local health department) must be notified.

MDM Golf Enterprises Capital Improvements to date - MDM Golf has undertaken capital improvements in the amount of \$35,271.97. These include drains and filters for the pool; the resurface of tennis courts 1 & 2; purchase and installation of new hot water heaters.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Sheehy recessed the meeting to convene the Public Hearing to receive comments on the “Proposed Code Adoption Ordinance”. Minutes of the Public Hearing are recorded separate from the minutes of the Selectmen’s meeting.

ACTION ON MATTER HEARD IN PUBLIC HEARING

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Kenefick – Heller) to adopt the Ordinance Chapter I Article II to compile the Ordinance of the Town of Woodbridge Chapters 1 – 405 into a codified code. Effective date: November 13, 2009.

COUNTRY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE LIAISON COMMITTEE

Mr. Sheehy read the following proposed Charge:

1. Membership:

The Board of Selectmen created The Country Club of Woodbridge Liaison Committee on October 14, 2009 consisting of the following members:

Membership to be determined

2. Responsibilities:

The Country Club of Woodbridge Liaison Committee shall serve in an advisory role to the Board of Selectmen and shall make recommendations as to the current operations and future use of the facility and property beyond the date of the lease with MDM Golf of Woodbridge which expires on December 31, 2010.

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Sabshin – Ferrante Fernandes) to adopt the Charge establishing the Country Club of Woodbridge Liaison Committee.

Membership - Mr. Sheehy presented a list of individuals, and their qualifications, that have agreed to serve on the Committee: Alan Ufland, Garry Mullin, Peter Hershman, Harriet Cooper, Robert Samuelson, Adolph Luciani, Roger Harrison, William Fox, Michael Helfenbein. It was noted that the Conservation Commission has requested two representatives. Mr. Sheehy recommended that the Conservation Commission present the name of only one representative.

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Ferrante Fernandes – Sabshin) to appoint as members of the Country Club of Woodbridge Liaison Committee the individuals listed, and to request that the Conservation Commission present the name of only one representative to serve on the Committee.

On Mr. Sheehy's recommendation, the Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Kenefick) to appoint Alan Ufland as Chair of the Country Club of Woodbridge Liaison Committee.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Genovese presented his report for the month ending September 30, 2009. He said that, at this time, he is projecting a FY10 budgetary surplus of

approximately \$38,000 resulting in a fund balance of \$3.95M or 9.45% of the annual budget.

Revenue Highlights – Mr. Genovese noted that grant revenue is running close to budget with only a slight deficit in the Pequot grant. He said that the distribution of the Education Cost Sharing (“ECS”) grant has been changed: the Town will receive 85.73% (\$614,456) with the balance \$102,914 going directly to the Board of Education through stimulus funds. The Town has the option to reduce the WBOE budget by the stimulus amount to avoid a budget deficit in the General Fund ESCS revenue line item. Amity Regional District is using its surplus to defray the bond and improve technology systems.

Department Charges: It is too early in the year to predict any large variances.

Expenses: Most department expenses are close to budget. However, the Police Department officer and investigative services overtime accounts are trending higher than the anticipated budget this early in the fiscal year.

FUNDING REQUESTS

The Board **VOTED** to recommend the following funding requests to the Board of Finance:

0910-05 – Allocation Amount: \$ 1,980.00
To: Information systems, Computer (1145-00/55111)
From: Board of Finance Contingency (1170-00/56800)
For: To replace aging back-up tape drive with a hard drive back-up system. This replacement was scheduled for FY11, but circumstances required replacement at this time.
(Sabshin – Ferrante Fernandes) Unanimously Approved

0910-06 – Allocation Amount: \$ 4,183.00
To: Information systems, Computer (1145-00/55111)
From: Board of Finance Contingency (1170-00/56800)
For: Replace file server, UPS, and server software. It was planned to replace the server in FY11, but circumstances require replacement at this time.
(Sabshin – Ferrante Fernandes) Unanimously Approved

0910-07 – Intradepartmental Transfer Amount: \$ 8,100.00
To: Capital Non-Recurring – Bldg. Maint. – Roof Repair
(302-3700/57200/ROOF)
From: Capital Non-Recurring – Bldg. Maint.
Library Improvements \$5,200 (302-3700/53530/LIBRY)

Paint Police Dept. \$ 732 (302-3700/53530/PDPNT)
Rug Replacement \$1,227 (302-3700/53530/RUG)
Floor Replacement \$ 941 (302-3700-53530/FLOOR)
For: Fund the roof, gutter & downspout de-icing project at Town
Hall. Budget was \$6,000, bid came in at \$14,100.

Tax Refunds – Pursuant to section 12-124 – 129 of the General Statutes and the recommendation of the Tax Collector, the Board VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to refund taxes in the amount of \$15,262.38.

Medicare Part D Reimbursement – Mr. Genovese explained that a Federal Government program enables Towns to receive a 25% reimbursement of the eligible Medicare Part D prescription costs for retirees. The Town has received \$25,311 for FY08.

STEAP Grant – Through the efforts of Senator Crisco and Representative Klarides, the Town has received a \$200,000 STEAP Grant for traffic and safety improvements at Beecher Road School North.

Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority – the Town is potentially eligible for \$13,769.13 of the disposition and distribution of the Bridgeport Project Funds.

Youth Services Grant Application – The Board VOTED UNANIMOUSLY (Heller – Sheehy) to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Youth Services Grant Application in the amount of \$14,000 certifying that all assurances for the grant shall be fully implemented.

Bid Award – 2010-01 – The Board VOTED UNANIMOUSLY (Kenefick – Ferrante Fernandes) to award the bid #2010-01 for roof, gutter and downspout de-icing on the Town Hall roof in the amount of \$14,200 to Russo Roofing, Inc., 355 Morse Street, Hamden, CT 06517.

Town Hall New Electronic Entry System – Mr. Genovese explained that through a State Grant and working with the Fire Station entry infrastructure, an electronic entry system has been installed for the Town Hall. Electronic Fobs have been distributed to all eligible personnel. Once it is determined that the system is fully operational, the manual door locks will be changed.

Impact of State Budget – Mr. Genovese said that the impact of the State Budget is reflected in a reduction of \$5,000 in the Pequot Grant and the redistribution of the ECS funds.

Police Dept.- Request for Vehicle Purchase – The Police is requesting permission to utilize the State bid in the purchase of two police vehicles.

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Sabshin – Kenefick) to authorize the Police Department to utilize State Contract #06PSX0315 for the purchase of two (2) 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors for \$21,319.00 each.

TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Sheehy – Heller) to acknowledge receipt of the Town Clerk’s Report for the month ending September 30, 2009.

MINUTES

July 15, 2009 – The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Sabshin – Heller) to approve the minutes of July 15, 2009, with the following correction:

Mr. Kenefick **voted nay** to approve paragraph 3(b) of the Purchase and Sales Agreement dated June 17, 2009, between the Town and the Woodbridge Country Club.

August 5, 2009 – The Board **VOTED** (Ferrante Fernandes – Sabshin) to approve the minutes of August 5, 2009. Abstained: Mr. Kenefick

RESIGNATION – Town Counsel

Mr. Sheehy read the following letter of resignation from Town Counsel, James Perito:

“September 23, 2009

Re: Town Counsel

Dear Ed:

As a follow up to our conversation, please accept this letter as my formal resignation as Town Counsel for the Town of Woodbridge, effective October 14, 2009. As you know, the demands of my private practice have often conflicted with the time requirements of being town counsel. Most recently I have taken on several new matters which will put additional constraints on my time and in light of the recent conclusion of the purchase by the Town of the Country Club, I thought this would be an opportune time to effectuate a transition to new counsel. While, I will continue to represent the Town in specific matters such as land use appeals, tax lien foreclosures and assessment appeals, the general town counsel matters will be transferred to the new town counsel upon appointment.

During my almost three years as town counsel, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you, the Board of Selectman and the Town Hall staff and in particular, Mrs. Shaw. The Town is fortunate to have such dedicated,

hardworking public servants who demonstrate high ethical standards and always put the interests of the town over partisan or individual interests. Thank you for allowing me to serve, it was challenging, interesting and rewarding on many levels.

Sincerely,

/s/ James J. Perito”

Mr. Sheehy’s remarks: “Jim, we are sorry you are resigning. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I think I can speak for all of them, that we thank you for the excellent work that you have done over the past three years. We faced some challenging legal issues during that time, the least of which was the purchase of the Woodbridge Country Club. Through your guidance we successfully did that purchase, along with the many other items you have helped us with over the past three years. The good news is that you will continue to represent us, as you say in your letter, in various tax and land use appeals. I thank you on behalf of all of the Town of Woodbridge for the great work you did and we look forward to working with you in the future.”

Mr. Perito thanked Mr. Sheehy, the Board, and the staff.

APPOINTMENT – Town Counsel

Mr. Sheehy Nominated and Dr. Sabshin Seconded, Gerald T. Weiner, 15 Bishop Drive, Woodbridge, to serve as Town Counsel. Mr. Weiner is a managing partner in the law firm of Weinstein, Weiner, Ignal, Napolitano & Shapiro, P.C. with offices in Bridgeport. He has experience in both town and state government, specifically municipal law. He has served as Counsel to the Borough of Woodmont since 1974. Mr. Sheehy noted that Mr. Weiner will not be a candidate for re-election to his position of Democratic Town Chairman when his term expires in January 2010.

VOTE: Aye – Sheehy, Sabshin, Heller, Stein, Ferrante Fernandes
Abstained – Kenefick

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

- September 18th - fulfilled a long standing commitment to toured David Reiss’ adult (55 and over) living development, Meadow Ridge, in Redding, Connecticut with Mr. Hellauer, Mr. Genovese, and Mr. Giglietti. Mr. Sheehy said that the development incorporates assisted living and full health care facilities. He said that it is a very impressive operation. The average purchase price is \$550,000 with a monthly fee of \$4,000 (single) \$5,500 (couple).

- September 20th – attended a picnic at the home of Conservation Commission Chair, Maria Kayne. The event was to honor former Conservation Commission member and Trail Master, Michael Walter for his countless hours of volunteer time that he has given to the Town of Woodbridge: member of the Conservation Commission since 1988; preservation of the environment; blazing and mapping of trails; Woodbridge Land Trust; Woodbridge Park Association; Town representative to the West Rock Ridge Park State Advisory Council; former Scout Master of Troop 63; and Woodbridge Trail Master. The Town presented Michael with a Certificate of Appreciation and we thank him for his service.
- September 22nd – with Mr. Hellauer and Mr. Genovese, met with members of the West River Restoration and Mitigation Committee; representatives of the New Haven Land Trust; Department of Environmental Protection; and Cardinal Engineering. Cardinal Engineering has been retained by the Town to design the Merritt Avenue Bridge and to do a preliminary flood study in regard to the impact of the Pond Lily dam on flooding of the West River. The preliminary report states that the removal of the Pond Lily Dam will have limited effect on flooding in Woodbridge. Mr. Sheehy said that he believes Cardinal Engineering will recommend deepening the West River channel.
- September 24th – attended the very successful Amity Animal Rescue Fund (“AARF”) benefit at the Country Club of Woodbridge, co-chaired by Selectman Beth Heller.
- October 6th – attended the very moving funeral of Captain Benjamin Sklaver. Capt. Sklaver was the son of Laura and Gary Sklaver. Laura is a Law Partner of Mr. Perito. The Fire and Police Department provided honor guards as the funeral procession traveled through Woodbridge.
- October 8th – attended the interviews of four architects for the Beecher Road School Infrastructure Project. They included, Tai Soo Kim Partners (Architects for the 1997 school renovations); Oak Park Architects, West Hartford; Herbert Newman Associates, New Haven (a Woodbridge resident); and Moser, Pilon, and Nelson, Hartford. No decisions were made. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21st.
- October 18th – Open House at the Country Club of Woodbridge from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Hellauer reminded everyone that the November 11th Veterans Day Ceremony will begin with formation at 10:45 a.m. at the Veterans Monument in front of The Center Building.

STAFF COMPENSATION

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Sabshin) to add the matter of compensation for members of the Human Services and Youth Services Department staff.

Following discussion the Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** to approve the following compensations due to the medical leave of the Youth Services Director:

Mary Ellen Annicelli – Award one time stipend of \$250.00 (Heller – Kenefick)

Nancy Pfund – Award one time stipend of \$500.00 (Heller – Kenefick)

Nancy Pfund – Effective October 14, 2009, Ms. Pfund's hourly wage shall be \$19.08.

LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Ferrante Fernandes – Amity Board of Education: Hannah Klein has been appointed a student representative to the State Board of Education. The Board discussed moving to an 8 period day to offer more courses. Bethany middle school did very well in the CAP testing. The high school tests dropped slightly. The District has hired 20 new facility staff; 12 interns; and 2 student teachers.

Mr. Kenefick – no report

Ms. Heller – Fire Department: The Department received certification recognizing it as one of the “First Responders” within the Town.

Christine Laydon has been elected Chair; William Burt, Vice Chair; and Elias Alexiades is secretary. Fire Marshal Cavanagh is confirming there is a knox box at the Country Club. Incident report filings are up-to-date. The Fire Chief and Ass't. Fire Chief are working on issues related to the new building. The Ladies Auxiliary and the Volunteer Fire Association has committed to help fund an additional squad vehicle.

Dr. Sabshin – Library: Established three new committees: Property/Personnel; Property/Maintenance; and Budget. The Commission is working on the Capital Budget – carpets are needed on both the first and second floors. The Commission is considering requesting permission to utilize some of the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund to renovate the Woodbridge Room.

LIFE SCOUT PROJECT

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Ferrante Fernandes – Heller) to add to the agenda a request from Life Scout Matthew Schwartz.

The Board **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Ferrante Fernandes – Heller) to give permission to Life Scout Matthew Schwartz to place boxes in Town buildings to collect donation of personal care items for Armed Forces in Iraq.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Geraldine S. Shaw, Clerk