

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008  
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING ~ 5:30 P.M.**

**Call To Order:** Leo Paul, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Also present were William Dranginis, Ernest Bunnell, Martha Bernstein and Jack Healy.

**Approval Of Minutes:** **Motion:** E. Bunnell moved to approve the regular 7/15/08 meeting minutes and W. Dranginis seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Public Requests/Comments:** Lynn Brickley expressed concern that the \$48,000 budgeted for the Plumb Hill Playing Fields is not going to be sufficient for the maintenance.

**Selectmen's Requests:** **Motion:** J. Healy moved to add under New Business c) "Authorize First Selectman to Sign Commitment Letter to Design and Rebuild Blue Swamp Road Bridge". W. Dranginis seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. **Motion:** J. Healy moved to add under New Business d) "Payment of Schoenhardt Architect Bills to be Contingent Upon Execution of Architectural Contract for Northfield Firehouse". W. Dranginis seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

L. Paul informed the Board that the roof repair will be done shortly on the bus dispatch office. He also said he received a letter from Bantam Lake Protective Association on the application of chemicals to eliminate the fanwort weeds in Bantam Lake. They have a new process to remove fanwort from the river outlet, and have asked for permission to use the Town Beach as a launch area for the boat that will be doing the work. They also asked for permission to store and let the fanwort dry in that area. L. Paul gave them verbal permission to launch the boat from the Town Beach, but did not allow them to store and dry the weeds there.

M. Bernstein asked to review the Plumb Hill contract to be better informed. J. Healy requested it also.

**Northfield Firehouse Update:** This discussion was deferred to New Business b) below.

**School Building Committee Update – Jack Healy:** Mr. Healy said they are paring down the punch list, contractors are finishing so payment can be made, questions are being resolved, and they are still working on the concrete sidewalk problem with O&G. Contingency and unallocated funds are still about \$460,000 - \$500,000. They are going out for bids for the parking lot.

**Town Hall Building Committee Update:** J. Healy said they have the final report and edited it for final submission to the Board of Selectmen. L. Paul said he would like it on the agenda for September 2, 2008.

**Resignations:** None

**Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments**

**a) Interview Lois V. Pike for Board of Ethics:** L. Pike spoke with Alan Landau, Fr. Tucker and Rosemarie Greco as requested by L. Paul as an alternative to attending a meeting since they do not meet on a regular basis. She said she is a paralegal no longer working full time. She is writing and is a published author. She is involved in the American Pain Foundation and the American Chronic Pain Association, and would like to serve the community in which she lives. **Motion:** W. Dranginis moved and E. Bunnell seconded a motion to appoint Lois Pike to the Board of Ethics with term expiration of June, 2011. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**b) Interview Pamela D. Stockamore for Economic Development Commission, Alternate Member:** Ms Stockamore said she is a life-long resident of Litchfield, also attending college and graduate school. She is serving on the Design Review Board and has attended the EDC meetings since the first of the year. She is also the current vice-president of Litchfield Visual Arts. **Motion:** M. Bernstein moved and W. Dranginis

seconded a motion to appoint Pamela D. Stockamore as an alternate member on the Economic Development Commission, with term expiration of June 2010. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**c) Appoint Denise Correia to Municipal Agent, no term expiration:** L. Paul explained that by statute the Town needs this position, and Denise has offered since she is a member of the Social Services Board. **Motion:** E. Bunnell moved to appoint her to Municipal Agent, and W. Dranginis seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**d) Reappoint Harry Colvocoresses to Litchfield Housing Authority, term 8/2013**

**e) Reappoint Steve Z. Ardussi to Veterans Advisory Committee, term 8/2011**

**f) Reappoint Stephen R. Williams to Veterans Advisory Committee, term 8/2011**

**Motion:** W. Dranginis moved and J. Healy seconded a motion to reappoint Mr. Colvocoresses, Mr. Ardussi and Mr. Williams as above. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes:** 6/25/08 Economic Development Commission minutes; 7/23/08 Northfield Firehouse Building Committee minutes; P & Z minutes 4/21/08, 5/5/08, 5/19/08, 6/2/08; 6/11/08 BOE minutes (draft); 7/16/08 Special BOE minutes (draft); 7/23/08 Special BOE agenda

**Vacancies:** To Be Included In Minutes

**Tax Refunds:** None

**Transfers:** None

**Old Business:** a) **Dormant/Inactive Committees, Commissions and Boards:** L. Paul explained the history of each inactive commission and the means by which they may be dissolved. The Housing Partnership is the only one that is not fully researched and will be ready for a future meeting. **Motion:** M. Bernstein moved to dissolve the following groups: Litchfield Prevention Council, Bantam District Committee, Litchfield Courthouse Committee, Façade Improvement Program Committee, Northfield Firehouse Oversight Committee, Personnel Policy Committee, and the Shepaug-Bantam River Board. W. Dranginis seconded the motion. **Amendment:** W. Dranginis moved to amend the motion to table the dissolution of the Prevention Council until more information could be obtained as to where the funds could be distributed at the Board of Education that would be beneficial. J. Healy seconded the amendment. Voting on the motion with amendment, W. Dranginis, E. Bunnell and J. Healy voted aye and M. Bernstein and L. Paul voted nay; motion carried. E. Bunnell and M. Bernstein said they were glad that progress is being made.

#### **New Business**

**a) Waive Building Permit Fees for Center School Window Replacement: Motion:** E. Bunnell moved and W. Dranginis seconded a motion to waive the building permit fees for the Center School window replacement project. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**b) Authorize First Selectman to Sign Letter to Amend Architect Contract with Schoenhardt for Northfield Firehouse Building Project & New Contract for LaRosa Building Group:** L. Paul introduced Bob Johnson, David W. Wilson, and Mike Rybak, who were in on the negotiations. John Martin was also part of the meeting as well as Cynthia Politano. They were able to come up with an amendment to Schoenhardt's contract, amounting to \$35,000 additional cost. This is based on work only to gain a temporary certificate of occupancy. They did the same with LaRosa Building Group, \$815,000 of work to obtain a C/O. Mr. Paul asked the Board to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contracts when they are completed. **Motion:** M. Bernstein moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contracts with Schoenhardt Architect and the LaRosa Building Group, and W. Dranginis seconded. The net of this project is \$989,360, allowing \$90,000 for the work the Town is doing and \$50,000 in contingency. Bob Johnson said John Martin, David Wilson and Leo Paul have gone above and beyond in serving their community with their support of the firehouse project. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried. Mr. Paul thanked everyone for the work they have done.

**c) Authorize First Selectman to Sign Commitment Letter to Design and Rebuild Blue Swamp Road Bridge:** L. Paul explained there is a commitment from the State to pay \$1,164,800, 80%, and the Town will pay \$291,200, which is 20%. This project has not yet been budgeted and will have to go to Capital to put in \$291,000 for the upcoming year. The design will start next July. **Motion:** W. Dranginis moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the funding commitment letter from the State DOT on the Blue Swamp Road Bridge No. 05373. J. Healy seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**d) Payment of Schoenhardt Architect Bills to be Contingent upon Execution of Architectural Contract for Northfield Firehouse:** L. Paul said the Building Committee approved payment of the bills upon the signing of the contracts, so he recommended the Board approve the payment, totaling approximately \$5,000. **Motion:** W. Dranginis moved and E. Bunnell seconded a motion to authorize payment of the bills as described above. All vote aye and the motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

### **Executive Session**

**a) Pending Claim: Motion:** W. Dranginis moved to go into executive session at 6:29 p.m., inviting Town Attorney Mike Rybak to attend with the Board of Selectmen. E. Bunnell seconded. The discussion will be on a pending claim. All voted aye and the motion carried. Out of executive session at 6:45 p.m. No action was taken.

**b) Review Local 1303-329 Union Contract: Motion:** W. Dranginis moved to go into executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss the Local 1303-329 union contract. E. Bunnell seconded. All selectmen were in attendance. All voted aye and the motion passed. Out of executive session at 6:49 p.m. **Motion:** W. Dranginis moved to approve the Local 1303-329 union contract, and J. Healy seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion:** W. Dranginis moved to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. and E. Bunnell seconded. All voted aye and the motion passed.

Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman