

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF WINDHAM BOARD OF COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
PUBLIC SAFETY, RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
Wednesday September 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM
Windham Town Hall Main Meeting Room
979 Main Street
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1. Call to Order.

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

Committee members present: Jerry Iazzetta, Arnaldo Rivera, Charles Krich.

Town Staff Present: Town Manager Neal Beets, Town Engineer Joe Gardner

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizens and Delegations.

Ray Pittman thought new dog ordinance was going to be on agenda. He requested it be on next agenda. Current ordinance is out of date. His dogs were attacked. Dog Officer could not take dogs that attacked his, could only give a \$50 fine.

4. Town Council Subcommittee Member Comments.

Jerry Iazzetta stated Town Manager and staff are working on new ordinance. He suggested any ideas be sent to Town Manager. He said he expected revisions by end of year.

5. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on August 22, 2012.

A motion was made by Arnaldo Rivera to approve minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Charles Krich and passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Possible action Regarding Fire Marshal Vehicle.

Jerry Iazzetta stated he had asked Town Manager to attend. He had two questions: When would a new or used vehicle be available and when would funding be available.

Neal Beets stated funds were not in budget. They had looked into various options. It was his decision as Town Manager that the deputy vehicle was adequate for the Fire Marshal and that as part of his proposed budget for next year he would address the issue.

Tom DeVivo arrived at 7:10.

Mr. Beets pointed out in the Town's five year capital improvement plan there are over \$35,000,000 in capital needs.

Tom DeVivo asked how many calls the Fire Marshal and Deputies responded to.

Mr. Beets pointed out the Fire marshal is not a first responder.

Jerry Iazzetta wants to get a handle on department, do we need three deputies?

Subcommittee used to get reports now nothing.

Mr. Beets reported there was \$12,300 available for deputies.

Lorraine McDevitt arrived at 7:20 pm.

Tom DeVivo asked how many miles per year are the Fire Marshal vehicles driven?

Charles Krich asked that Public Works supply information as milage is recorded when vehicles are fueled.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Dispatch Center

For the Dispatch Center, Joe Marsalisi, John Wylie, and Lloyd Niles attended the meeting.

Jerry Iazzetta asked what was latest towards an agreement?

John Wylie said not sure what direction they were headed. They had received two draft contracts from attorney to review.

Jerry Iazzetta said we need to finalize.

John Wylie said cannot do much to attract new members until dispatch is stable

Lorraine McDevitt said dispatch never a problem. We need to move on, asked contract be presented at next meeting.

Arnaldo Rivera said someone needs to be in charge. We need to make a decision.

Jerry Iazzetta asked that Town Manager bring forward ideas/options/contracts to next meeting.

Neal Beets said want to resolve in best interest of Town. He has been waiting for their attorney to respond since May.

Jerry Iazzetta asked that they all get together and bring contracts to next meeting.

Neal Beets suggested an executive session be on next agenda.

Jerry Iazzetta directed that an executive session regarding the dispatch center be on next agenda.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding State Legislative Items

Charles Krich suggested that our State Representative develop legislation that ECSU use the Town dispatch center.

Tom DeVivo suggested legislation that any community with a dispatch center, that state entities must join.

Tom DeVivo suggested a statute that limited review times by state agencies.

9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Bids for Recreation Equipment

A memo prepared by the Town Engineer was reviewed.

A motion was made by Tom DeVivo seconded by Lorraine McDevitt to recommend to the Council to award the playground equipment at Shetucket Plains Park to New England Recreation in the amount of \$31,160.00. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt seconded by Tom DeVivo to recommend to the Council to award the pavilion at Lauter Park to Probuilt Construction in the amount of \$39,260. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Arnaldo Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Lorraine McDevitt and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph Gardner

Town Engineer

