

BOARD of SELECTMEN MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2005

7:00 P.M.

TOWN HALL/LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
REVISED/APPROVED MINUTES

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

In attendance: R. Marconi, D. Masters, J. Plock, P. Yanity
Absent: B. Manners

AGENDA

Board of Selectmen Meeting

1. RCPC Interviews – Mason Kissell, Susan Ruddock
2. Charter Revision Commission Interviews – Betsy Thompson, Ed tyrell
3. Cliff Appel, M.D. – Medical Advisor
4. Tree Committee Appointment – Vicky Yolen

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2005, 7:30 P.M., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, to act on the renewal of the lease between: 1) the Town of Ridgefield and the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra, and 2) the Town of Ridgefield and the Ridgefield Playhouse.

Board of Selectmen Meeting - Will resume immediately following the Public Hearing.

5. Financial Transfer – Jay Wahlberg
6. 8-24 Referral for Peaceable Street property
7. Resolution for Health Department
8. Resolution for Conservation Commission Walk Book grant
9. Weir Farm Discussion
10. Ballard Park Discussion
11. MBC Status report – Paul Anderson, Nels Berg
12. Approval of December 15, 2004 Meeting Minutes
13. Selectman's Report

Economic Development Commission Meeting

1. George Bakes
2. NCC

R. Marconi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. RCPC Interviews – Mason Kissell, Susan Ruddock

Susan Ruddock - Ms. Ruddock came forward to meet the Board and express her interest in serving on the RCPC (Ridgefield Community Prevention Council). Ms. Ruddock, a teacher by training, is a new resident to Ridgefield. She has been involved with youth services in Stamford, Darien and Newtown, previous places of residence. Community work with youth is her main focus and ties directly into her current work on her Ph.D. She has already attended a number of meetings of the RCPC. D. Masters inquired as to any special interests. Ms. Ruddock replied that she had worked with Dr. Freeston when he was in Newtown. She is interested in helping 8th graders transition to the high school. She feels middle school years are the most critical years with regard to education relative to drug/substance abuse and at-risk behavior. Parenting workshops are very important. She explained the current parent pledge – a tri-fold appealing to high school and middle school parents to sign and participate in the parent-to-parent support network. Last year 67 parents signed the pledge, and this year the number is already 100+.

Mason Kissell – Mr. Kissell has also already attended several RCPC meetings. He has lived in Ridgefield since 1991 and has three children. He does not have credentials related to RCPC, but is most interested in the children of Ridgefield. He would like to see an increase in dialogue between parents and their children. Mr. Kissell works in NYC and is part of a consulting firm. He is able to work out of his home 1-2x/week and would create the time to serve on the Council. As a consultant, he knows how to prioritize and assist in selecting the best path in which to put one’s energy. He feels he would be able to challenge to the team.

J. Plock moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to appoint Mason Kissell and Susan Ruddock as members of the Ridgefield Community Prevention Council (RCPC). Motion passed 4-0.

2. Charter Revision Commission Interviews – Betsy Thompson, Ed Tyrrell

Betsy Thompson - Ms. Thompson has been a Ridgefield resident for 5½ years, having lived in 14 different locations. She feels that serving on the Charter Revision Commission is a good way to learn how the Town functions. She now has the time to serve on a committee and is not moving again. This past year she has become especially interested in politics. D. Masters asked Ms. Thompson if she was familiar with how the charter revision system works? She replied that it is not something she has done before, but she realizes that the charter is taken apart and each topic looked at in detail. She feels she would be comfortable with the process.

Ed Tyrrell – Mr. Tyrrell continues to be interested in town government and has attended many BOS meetings. He has lived in Ridgefield for 14 years and previously served on the Board of Ethics. He believes the charter should always be “tweaked”. He does not think anything in particular needs to be changed, but the entire charter needs to be reviewed. He mentioned looking at years of term for Board members. A two-year term of office is too short – “always in an election cycle, always running”. Mr. Tyrrell pointed out that the BOS is the first Board of the Town and controls only 30% of the revenue. J. Plock asked if he thought the size of the Board of Selectmen should be increased in keeping with the growth of the town. Mr. Tyrrell feels that a membership of five Board members is appropriate.

Mr. Marconi indicated that he would like to run one more ad for applicants to the Charter Revision Commission. Ten residents have been interviewed to date. Originally, the goal was to make a decision in January as to the membership of the Commission. This has been put off until March since the two BOS meetings in January were cancelled because of bad weather.

3. Medical Advisor Interview – Cliff Appel, M.D. Ed Briggs (who is not an M.D.) became Ridgefield Health Director and now there is an opening for Medical Advisor. This position needs has been open for awhile and needs to be filled. The Medical Advisor would be available should there be a disease breakout in town. Dr. Appel has lived in Ridgefield since 1986 and has an internal medicine practice in Danbury. He serves on a number of committees at Danbury Hospital and knows appropriate individuals at the hospital. Dr. Appel feels this position would be a good way to contribute to the town. The position carries a \$5,000-\$6,000 stipend/year. **J. Plock moved and P. Yanity seconded a motion to appoint Cliff Appel, M.D. as Ridgefield Medical Advisor. Motion passed 4-0.**

4. Tree Committee Appointment – Vicky Yolen Ms. Yolen is an avid gardener and botanist. She just recently obtained her Master Gardener Certificate. She has four boys in the school system and her husband teaches at the high school. She feels this would be a good way to contribute to the town. **J. Plock moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to appoint Vicky Yolen as a member of the Tree Committee. Motion passed 4-0.**

J. Plock moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to recess the BOS Public Meeting at 7:35 p.m. and go into the Public Hearing, and then return to the BOS Public Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Hearing

R. Marconi opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose of acting on the renewal of the lease between: 1) the Town of Ridgefield and the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra, and 2) the Town of Ridgefield and the Ridgefield Playhouse. David Grogins, Town Counsel was present to answer questions.

John McNicholas, Old Washington Rd. – inquired as to the wording of the lease on Page 9, #16 relative to bankruptcy; should there be a clause requiring first notification of a bankruptcy filing so the town would have the first right to move? Mr. Grogins replied that as the creditor we would be aware of a financial situation leading to bankruptcy; such a move should not be a surprise. The court would make a determination based on bankruptcy law; the Town’s rights will not be improved by the insertion of such a clause in the lease. As the creditor, our rights are fixed by law and put in motion by the court.

Mary Jones, representing Barbara Dobbin, Playhouse Treasurer, who was out of town, read a letter commenting on the use of the words “or license” which were added to Paragraph 4 of the Ridgefield Playhouse Lease. These words were described as part of the standard language to be included in all future Town leases. The Playhouse wants to go on record as requesting continued permission to sublet the Playhouse for a period of up to one week without BOS approval. The Playhouse Board wants this situation to remain as it has been in the past. They have rented to The Aldrich Museum, The Ridgefield Symphony and many other for-profit and not-for-profit community groups and want to be able to continue to do so. J. Plock replied that this clause has been in the lease for a long time. R. Marconi replied that this clause needs to be on record for when the main lease renewal comes up.

Sabina Slavin, President of the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra, pointed out that there is no men's room on the second floor. The solution would be to make the one restroom a unisex facility, but there needs to be a sign posted indicating such. R. Marconi indicated that Charlie Fisher will take on this as well as the few other maintenance items that require attention.

J. Plock moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to schedule a Town Meeting to be held on February 16, at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room, for the purpose of acting on the renewal of the lease between: 1) the Town of Ridgefield and the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra, and 2) the Town of Ridgefield and the Ridgefield Playhouse. Motion passed 4-0.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m. and the Board of Selectmen Meeting resumed.

BOARD of SELECTMEN MEETING (CONTINUED)

5. Financial Transfer – Jay Wahlberg

P. Yanity moved and J. Plock seconded a motion to approve Department of Finance Memorandum #200507 which will increase Professional Services 10201-52407 in the amount of \$15,000 and decrease General Contingency #10890-59101 in the amount of \$15,000 to cover the cost incurred by the Health Department for mosquito larvicide in connection with the annual Town program as mandated by the State. Motion passed 4-0.

J. Wahlberg and John Pinchbeck, Tree Warden led a discussion on the Tree Warden's request for \$15,000 for the removal of aging dead trees. Most of these trees are dead ash trees. In January the Board of Finance gave the Tree Warden a \$5,000 advance which would come out of the Contingency Fund, because the BOS Meetings to approve such funding in January were cancelled. R. Marconi inquired if there was a message in the amount being approved for \$5,000 and not the \$15,000 requested. J. Wahlberg replied that the Board of Finance is concerned about the remaining balance of \$50,000 in the contingency fund. The Road Department is at 100% of budget. They do have a stockpile of sand, but the winter is not yet over. An invoice of \$251,000 has been submitted to the State and the governor is asking for Federal funds for snow removal. **J. Plock moved and P. Yanity seconded a motion to approve Department of Finance Memorandum #200508 in the amount of \$5,000 (not for the \$35,000 as requested) to increase Tree Care #10370-52130 in the amount of \$5,000 and decrease General Contingency #10890-59101 in the amount of \$5,000. Motion passed 4-0.**

J. Plock moved and P. Yanity seconded a motion to approve Department of Finance Memorandum #200509 to increase Special Duty for the Police Department #10401-51020 in the amount of \$50,000 and correspondingly increase Police Special Services #10903-44230 in the amount of \$50,000. Motion passed 4-0.

J. Plock moved and P. Yanity seconded a motion to approve Department of Finance Memorandum #200510 to increase Special Fire Fees #10903-44242 in the amount of \$15,000 and correspondingly increase Fire Special Duty #10501-51020 in the amount of \$15,000. Motion passed 4-0.

This increase in the special duty fees for both the Police Department and Fire Department is because of the strong demand for police and fire special services during the fiscal year; the revenue is from outside vendors requesting police and fire department assistance and payments for such.

Police Chief Ligi and J. Wahlberg presented the Police Department's request for a change in scope in one of their capital projects – they wish to purchase holsters and not repeaters. Such a transfer requires BOS approval and a town meeting since the voters originally approved the capital expenditure for repeaters. **J. Plock moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to present for approval at a Town Meeting on February 16, 2005, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room, the request by the Police Department to purchase holsters and not purchase repeaters with the \$4,000 in the Capital Reserve for the Repeater Project as previously approved by Town voters. Motion passed 4-0.**

6. 8-24 Referral for Peaceable Street Property – Attorney Robert Jewell presented a copy of the draft agreement relative to the Breck donation of land. **J. Plock moved and P. Yanity seconded a motion for the Town of Ridgefield to accept the donation of a Conservation Easement on the 2-acre parcel of land at 65-67 Peaceable Street owned by Richard Breck as approved by Planning and Zoning Commission thru the issuance of a favorable referral on December 14, 2004. Motion passed 4-0.** R. Marconi will write a letter to the Breck family expressing a thank you from the Board of Selectmen.

D. Masters moved and J. Plock seconded a motion for the Board of Selectmen to send to Planning & Zoning an 8-24 Referral requesting a favorable vote on acceptance of the two lots on Fox Hill Lake as offered by Bernice Becker of Springfield, MA. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Resolution for Health Department -

J. Plock moved and P. Yanity seconded a motion to approve the resolution as required by the State of Connecticut to give the First Selectman authority to request a grant of \$3252.00 from the Department of Public Health for youth violence and suicide prevention. Motion passed 4-0.

Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk of Ridgefield, Connecticut, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut hereby certifies pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, on the 2nd day of February, 2005, at Ridgefield Town Hall, Ridgefield, CT that Rudy Marconi, First Selectman has been empowered to sign contracts and any of its amendments hereto, on behalf on the Corporation between the Corporation and the Department of Public Health successor agency, AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has not been in anyway altered, amended or repealed and is now in full force or effect. Signed and dated by Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk

8. Resolution for Conservation Commission Walk Book Grant –

P. Yanity moved and J. Plock seconded a motion to approve the resolution for application to the Department of Environmental Protection for the Conservation Commission Walk Book grant in the amount of \$6,088. Motion passed 4-0. R. Marconi read the following resolution, and it was approved as read:

“Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Ridgefield to enter into contracts with the Department of Environmental Protection.

In furtherance of this resolution, Rudy Marconi, the First Selectman of the Town of Ridgefield, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Ridgefield. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

The Town Clerk, Barbara Serfilippi, is authorized to impress the seal of the Town of Ridgefield on any such document, amendment, rescission, or revision.”

I, Barbara Serfilippi, the Town Clerk of the Town of Ridgefield, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of the resolution duly adopted at the Board of Selectmen meeting on February 2, 2005, and that it has not been rescinded, amended, or altered in any way, and that it remains in full force and in effect.

Signed and dated by Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk

9. Weir Farm Discussion –

J. Plock and P. Yanity both inquired of David Grogins, Town Counsel, as to who has the authority to sign an agreement for the Town of Ridgefield, and how can Planning & Zoning enter into such an agreement if they cannot sign an agreement representing the Town of Ridgefield?

D. Grogins reviewed the history of the Weir Farm as a part of the Federal government’s National Park Service. Congress established Weir Farm as a National Historic Park in 1990. In 1998, the law was amended to add additional pieces of land to the park. Planning & Zoning does not have the authority to enter in a written agreement representing the Town of Ridgefield, but they do have authority in reviewing the site plan and input as to the use of the land. In response to the question, “Does the Weir Farm federal legislation expand the Planning and Zoning authority or jurisdiction? Does the Weir Farm federal legislation give additional powers or jurisdiction to Planning and Zoning?” Mr. Grogins responded in his January 18, 2005, letter to Mr. Marconi –

“There is no statute – either Connecticut or Federal that allows the United States Government to expand the jurisdiction or authority of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Ridgefield. However, the supremacy clause of the United States Constitution grants to the Federal Government sovereign immunity from the statutory jurisdiction of the local zoning authorities. The Weir Farm federal legislation (Public Law 101-485) as amended by Public Law 105-363) relinquishes or grants back to the Town of Ridgefield certain rights with regard to land use issues concerning the Weir Farm property.”

Mr. Grogins stated that one should look at the “intent” and not a literal reading.

J. Plock wanted a discussion of the 11,000 sq. ft. maintenance building being proposed for the site. A building of this size will not blend into the environment. The neighbors are very upset about this.

P. Yanity inquired as to the role the Board of Selectmen is going to play in this decision. The architect should have met with Planning & Zoning, the BOS and Weir Farm and talked about the proposed building before coming up with the design for an 11,000 sq. ft. structure. The

BOS did approve for the establishment of Weir Farm as a National Park but they did not approve for such expansion of the facilities at the park.

D. Masters inquired as to the 1998 agreement. Should we not be contacting Senator Lieberman's office and ask for minutes of the meetings which led to this agreement? This is a unique relationship between a small town and a national historic site. At the time of the purchase and the later agreement, the Town of Ridgefield had been concerned about possible bus traffic and the volume of visitors. This has not happened.

J. Plock and P. Yanity repeated that if there is a written agreement, the Board of Selectmen will have to sign it as representatives of the Town of Ridgefield. David Grogins suggested that the BOS & Planning & Zoning meet and include representatives from the Park Service as well.

A.J. DiMattia, Old Branchville Road, distributed and discussed a legal memo on behalf of the Homeowner's Association addressed to the BOS and the Planning & Zoning Commission, regarding the "Authority of the Planning & Zoning Commission To Enter Agreements; Zoning Board of Appeals review; Untra Vires Acts." Mr. DiMattia feels that the neighborhood is most upset about how the Planning & Zoning Commission is proceeding on this issue.

Becky Muchetti, Chairman of Planning & Zoning, commented on how she has reviewed all related correspondence and has listened to all meeting tapes. She showed a map of how Weir Farm was developed. In 1997 there were two Public Hearings sponsored by Planning & Zoning, and the possibility of a maintenance facility being constructed at a later date was included. In 2002, Planning & Zoning received two letters from the National Park Service regarding the initiation of plans for the maintenance facility and agreed to the special permit process which needed to be obtained from Ridgefield's zoning authority. The property is owned by the Federal government and they do have sovereign immunity. The maintenance building was always part of the concept plan and they have now come up with the proposed plan.

A.J. DiMattia responded that he too has listened to the meeting tapes and agrees that the maintenance facility was mentioned, but the art gallery and visitor's center was the primary focus. He disagrees with David Grogins about looking at the "intent" of the law. Mr. DiMattia feels that we need to look at the "letter of the law", what is in writing. He feels Planning & Zoning is being supportive of Weir Farm and not representing the neighborhood. He does not feel that an 11,000 sq. ft. maintenance facility is a permitted use of the property. This would not be an educational facility. He feels that Planning & Zoning is not representing the town appropriately.

John Katz, Ridgebury Rd., indicated that Planning & Zoning has been working on this concept plan under the auspices granted by the Federal government. Planning & Zoning feels they are working for the neighbors and desire to implement what the neighborhood wants. "We are a family – there is no grab for power here".

John McNicholas, Old Washington Rd., inquired as to what agency is authorized by the electorate to enter into an agreement – this is the issue. A precedent is being set here.

R. Marconi replied that the Board of Selectmen has the authority to enter into an agreement and this is what David Grogins, Town Counsel, has stated this evening. The original Weir Farm agreement was signed by both the then Chairman of Planning & Zoning and the First

Selectman. The question again is who has the authority to enter into an agreement – the Board of Selectmen. David Grogins replied that in this instance though, it is not absolutely clear – “The Federal government must enter into agreement with the “appropriate zoning authority”.

Jim Coyle, Florida Rd., indicated resentment to the “tone” that Planning & Zoning is working on their own and not in a legal manner. This is a unique opportunity here which requires the Federal government to work with the local authorities. We should be working within the intent and spirit of the law. The intent of the January 26 letter was to provide feedback to the Park Department as quickly as possible, not for the purpose of signing an agreement.

Patrick Walsh, Attorney, Main St. asked David Grogins to respond that there is no statutory authority for Planning & Zoning to enter into an agreement. Correct? Mr. Grogins responded that yes, that is correct. Mr. Walsh responded that Planning & Zoning wants to know what their authority is in this situation.

John Cooke, Old Branchville Road, distributed a January 30, 2005 memo which he wrote to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Weir Farm Maintenance Building Proposal. Mr. Cooke indicated that in December he had no knowledge of any proposed renewal of the lease of space by the Georgetown Development Company (responsible for the development of the former Gilbert & Bennett factories and property in Georgetown) to the Weir Farm for storage. On January 11, 2005, Mr. Cooke heard Mr. Stephen M. Soler, President of the Georgetown Land Development Company, LLC make a presentation of their plans for the Gilbert & Bennett property. Mr. Soler indicated that their development plan encompassed a broad range and diversity of uses, which would included residential, retail, office, commercial and light industrial facilities. He indicated that he hoped that the Weir Farm would continue to be a tenant in the complex. Mr. Cooke suggested that the maintenance facility being proposed for the Weir Farm property could be provided for at the Gilbert & Bennett location and thus eliminate the need to build a new structure at the Weir Farm site.

Jim Waters, Bruschi Lane, inquired whether a maintenance facility is a permitted use in such a residential zone? A variance would have to be approved. Variances are for a hardship and such a facility is not a hardship.

Dom D’Addario, Tanton Hill Rd., pointed out that Senators Dodd and Lieberman were instrumental in the establishment of Weir Farm. We should be calling Senator Lieberman’s office to assist in resolving this issue.

Lillian Willis corrected what had previously been stated, “the historic core of Weir Farm is in Ridgefield.”

R. Marconi agreed to call the offices of Blumenthal, Dodd & Lieberman for their feedback on this issue.

JoAnn Martin, Branchville Rd., indicated that she is very new to the neighborhood. The proposed maintenance building is not to the benefit of the Town. The BOS should represent the neighbors – the residents of Ridgefield.

10. Ballard Park Discussion – P. Yanity requested that this item be placed on the agenda. He referred to a recent article in *The Ridgefield Press*. The BOS should first be consulted on an issue before being reported about. Ballard Park was donated to the town and Mrs. Ballard

outlined specific usage restrictions for the park in her will. D. Grogins will look at the deed restrictions on Ballard Park and report back to the BOS.

11. MBC Status Report – Paul Anderson, Nels Berg

Paul Anderson, Chairman of the Master Building Committee, reviewed his January 7, 2005 letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Closeout: Ridgefield High School, East Ridge Middle School, Barlow Mountain Elementary School, 4-Elementary Schools. Mr. Anderson reviewed the formation of the Master Building Committee on January 31, 2001 to have oversight of the “Bundled” projects with specific responsibility for building and/or renovating the Ridgefield High School, East Ridge Middle School, Barlow Mountain Elementary School, and the 4-Elementary Schools (Branchville, Farmingville, Scotland, Veterans Park). Mr. Anderson stated how this mission has been accomplished within the “Bundle” budgeted amount, and outlined the process for orderly turnover of these schools to the BOS who will then turn over the schools to the Board of Education for their use and management. Each school is substantially finished. School administration is being asked to do some completion items.

Mr. Anderson then reviewed open items at the various building projects –

- High School – Student Center flooring; landscaping slated for June/July 2005
- Barlow – Water system chloride problem. This is something that is extraordinary. There are two choices to solve the problem – treat chemically or run the water main out to Barlow.

He then reviewed Project Close-out Items – these are all little items that are for the most part funded within the allotted amount. Completion of these close-out items will be coordinated by the O&G Project Manager and carried out in the time frame stated.

Nels Berg and Paul Anderson retired as of December 31st. The other members of the Master Building Committee have agreed to continue on until all outstanding items are closed. This group will be the close-out committee.

Dr. Freeston commented that there is still a lot of “stuff” that needs doing. He would like to see the MBC members continue. He would like to serve on this committee but cannot officially do so as he is not a Ridgefield resident.

The BOS members agreed that they want to make sure that all outstanding problems are addressed and the work is completed satisfactorily.

12. Approval of December 15, 2004 Meeting Minutes - **D. Masters moved and J. Plock seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the December 15, 2004 Board of Selectmen Meeting, Motion passed 4-0.**

13. First Selectman’s Report –

- Toni Boucher, State Representative for the Town of Wilton, has proposed the selling of the state property along the Route 7 thruway for the purpose of generating revenue to make improvements to the Danbury train line. There is a state statute that prohibits the sale of this property. Each town affected has been asked for an opinion. A map is available which outlines the state-owned property. R. Marconi commented that once such property is sold, it is gone for good.

- The proposed tree clearing at the Danbury Airport has been greatly reduced, but beacons are being added. This one area close to Ridgefield is the only area being worked on. There is concern that this runway may well then become the runway of choice. R. Marconi is meeting with the FAA and Christopher Shays office regarding this issue.
- The demolition ordinance issue is no longer under consideration. A building permit is required to tear down any structure. Part of the process of the issuance of this permit will result in notification of the Historical Society should any such historical structure be considered for demolition.
- A public hearing on the traffic study is scheduled for Monday evening, February 7. Copies of the report will then be available. The next step will be to seek grant money.
- Budget process – B. Manners has suggested that D. Masters tour several areas together with other BOS members to get a feel for the budget process. Each department reviews their capital and expense needs prior to budget hearings in March. R. Marconi will then review and revise budget estimates first before presentation to the BOS. Instructions to each department will be: list what you have to have and what you want to have and then move the “want list” to a future year. J. Plock suggested using the “big book” to work from and then after each department is reviewed, J. Wahlberg can issue the “small book” for the general public, rather than getting so many small books of revisions. This process might be worth trying for one year to see how it goes.

J. Plock moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 11:10 p.m. and convene the Economic Development Committee Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING

R. Marconi called the Economic Development Commission Meeting to order at 11:10 p.m.

1. George Bakes – have heard now is in litigation, and thus will not be discussed at this time.
2. Norwalk Community College – Still working on this - \$526,000 needed to accommodate additional parking for NCC. Currently speaking with area legislators to seek monies for this. Dr. Kantor of NCC would like to proceed; they would take three classrooms which do not need work. They would just come in and start. Would the town be receptive to a short term lease? Dave Grogins working on the lease. We need to know the correct name to put on the lease. All leases go thru a special State department and they are waiting to hear back from this department.
3. Toll Bros. discussion – if land given by individuals to the Land Conservancy is taken for development, individuals will hesitate to donate land in the future. If Land Conservancy does anything with donated property, then the land automatically goes to the State. This would be a precedent to be concerned about.

J. Plock moved and P. Yanity seconded a motion to adjourn the Economic Development Commission Meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Johnson