

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 18, 2012

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Steven N. Wawruck, Jr., Denise T. Balboni and Dennis Gragnolati

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Lappen (Public Works Director), Paul Dombrowski & Jay Sheehan
(Woodard and Curran), Mickey Danyluk and Lisa Wawruck

CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Wawruck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

A moment of silence was observed for the Sandy Hook Elementary School victims and their families.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mickey Danyluk of 18 Maple Avenue read a letter addressing the flooding that takes place at 12-14 South Center Street from the excessive run-off water from Adds Brook. Pictures of the property during a recent flooding were also provided. Mr. Danyluk's letter is attached to these Minutes as Schedule A.

The matter will be brought before the Town Engineer and Public Works Director for further review and determination.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Selectman Balboni moved to approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2012 Meeting as published. Selectman Gragnolati seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was reviewed by the Selectmen:

a. The 2013 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

NEW BUSINESS:

The Selectmen agreed to discuss "*item b. Microgrid Grant*" first.

b. Microgrid Grant

Paul Dombrowski and Jay Sheehan from Woodard and Curran came forward to explain the \$20 million dollar State of Connecticut funded Grant program to develop microgrids (electrical service power independent from the external CL&P grid). The microgrids will provide electric service during any major outage by its own power source and underground distribution grids. There will be two application periods for feasibility studies with the first one being due by January 4, 2013. The second application period will be announced sometime in January. Mr. Dombrowski explained that if the town is interested in pursuing this Grant his firm would prepare the feasibility study along with the help of town staff at no cost to the town.

Mr. Sheehan stated that after doing some research there are two areas of town that are viable for this service; the North Main Street area and the Ella T. Grasso Turnpike (Route 75) area. The idea is to bring public and private partnerships together for services needed during electrical outages such as gas stations, hotels, pharmacies, restaurants, emergency shelters, etc. New and existing generators will be used for the grid.

Of the 169 towns in the State of Connecticut only approximately 20 to 30 of them will submit applications for the Grant and not all of those will be funded depending on what the challenges

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and costs are required to implement the microgrid. Both Mr. Dombrowski and Mr. Sheehan felt that waiting to apply for the Grant during the second round of submissions would be beneficial in that all of the pertinent data would be gathered, thereby making the application more appealing to the State. They also felt that the depth of information that is gathered could also be useful for other future construction road projects in those areas.

Mr. Dombrowski and Mr. Sheehan will come back before the Selectmen before the next round of applications is due.

a. FY 2013-2014 Public Works Capital Improvement Budget

Public Works Director Scott Lappen came forward to present the Capital Improvement Budget. He outlined the proposals for Infrastructure (no grant funding for roadways was received this year), Equipment (recommended that the Town purchase Truck 11 and lease Trucks 15 & 17, and Building Infrastructure (Senior Center, Old Public Works Garage & Old Salt Shed).

The Capital Improvement Budget will be submitted to the CIAC for review.

c. FY 2013-2014 Budget Packet – First Look

The Selectmen will begin the Budget review at their next meeting.

d. Set Town Meeting Date – Public Work's Vehicle Lift System

Selectman Gragnolati moved to set a Town Meeting date for Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. to appropriate \$40,000.00 to replace the Public Works hydraulic lift system. Selectman Balboni seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

APPOINTMENTS, RE-APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS: None.

TAX REFUNDS: None.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS: None.

COMMENTS - FIRST SELECTMAN:

Selectman Wawruck announced that a Memorial Service would be held on Sunday, December 23, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Windsor Locks Town Hall for the victims and families of the Sandy Hook Elementary School. Various clergy and officials will be offering words of comfort and healing. He urged everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussion or information to come before the Board of Selectmen;

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. was made by Selectman Gragnolati and seconded by Selectman Balboni. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Barsanti

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Recording Secretary

A full recording of this meeting is available on CD in the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's Website @ www.windsorlocksct.org

Schedule A

MICKEY DANYLUK 18 Maple Avenue Windsor Locks, Connecticut

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Dear Windsor Locks Board of Selectmen:

I have been asked by my sister, Carol Danyluk Plante, who is the holder of title to our family homestead at 12-14 South Center Street to bring to the attention of the Board of Selectmen the matter of flooding resulting from excessive run-off water via Adds (more properly referenced in Colonial times as "Adze"*) Brook. *(The name of the timber hewing tool -- an adze- was a reference to the manner in which the Brook cut through the sedimentary clay hillside revealing ancient glacial stratified varved clay deposits, a geological wonder.)

With each housing subdivision—in particular: Sunset Street (1955) and Orchard Hill (1979), run-off ground water from streets has been directed to the Brook via the South Center Street tunnel-culvert which runs east/west at the bottom of South Center Street between Elm and School streets. With each additional development established, the amount of water and its subsequent thrust has impacted the countryside—becoming increasingly unmanageable and a burden to this watercourse—causing devastating erosion to the hillsides and flooding the adjoining property owners. Much of this has occurred within my personal memory. In 1960, a concrete wall was erected running east from the culvert to protect the Magnani homestead (now Timko) at 18 South Center Street. The wall is now breached at times of heavy rain, with flood waters rushing beyond the top of the concrete housing of the culvert. Its effectiveness further comprised by its forward leaning—appearing about to tip over—suggesting its mediocre integrity having been constructed without a proper footing base. Former selectman Joseph Calsetta related recently that at the time of approval, Orchard Hill's developer assured Town officials that run-off from its streets would be negligible. Calsetta also informed that a catch-basin in the Briar Cliff development (1958) had

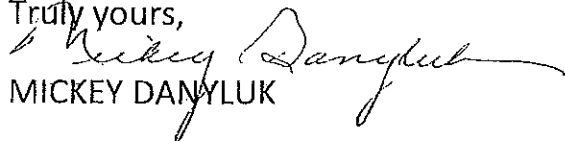
recently been connected to the sewer system additionally burdening the waterway with immeasurable amounts of run-off water from that area.

The southeast corner of our homestead panhandles behind the Timko property parallel to the Brook. Our father had ensured against flooding from the Brook by banking soil along the stretch parallel to the Brook and raising the low-lying area there with fill. Unfortunately, with the replacement of the sanitary sewer (1992?) which replaced the original 1913 sewer line which runs east from South Center Street, parallel to the Brook—crossing the Danyluk-Plante lot heading east across the Malec-Jutras lot toward the Babiarz blueberry lot, the contour of the area was disturbed—ineffectively and improperly backfilled—creating low-lying pockets for run-off water to pool after episodes of flooding. Members of our family brought this to the attention of Town officials through the years without resolution. The other property owners including Malec-Jutras and Babiarz families have been successful in campaigning for protective/reconstructive measures for their lands.

At a re-scheduled Town of Windsor Locks Inlands Wetlands Commission meeting held November 14, 2012, Town engineer Dana Steele provided a brief overview to the Commission which his proposed plan of correction to restore the Malec-Jutras property. I told Dana then that his plans were incomplete, did not address the entirety of the problem (including the conditions of the southeast corner of our family land) and that he needed to return to the drawing board to draft a more comprehensive plan. He replied to the Commission saying he “could do that”. It readily appeared that Dana did what Town officials asked of him, without regard to his professional impressions which would indicate otherwise. Despite my pleas and that of my sister not to adopt a half-baked plan and to return to restudy the situation with the drafting of a more comprehensive plan of correction for the Brook, the Malec-Jutras property and the Danyluk-Plante property, Steele’s presented plan was adopted by the Commission.

I come before the Board of Selectmen with this letter, photographs depicting horrific flooding of the scene—which present a much more comprehensive need at hand. I ask that this letter be filed as a schedule to the Minutes of tonight's Board of Selectmen Meeting, so that my words, our plight and the need at hand not be lost with the passage of time. We remind Town officials—the Board of Selectmen and the Inland Wetland Commission that while the Town of Windsor Locks holds an easement across the property at 12-14 South Center Street to repair and maintain the sanitary sewer, the Town does not have access by easement to reach the Brook. After all, it was the Town of Windsor Locks which, having approved development directing run-off water into the Brook subsequently created these damaging flood scenarios.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mickey Danyluk". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

MICKEY DANYLUK

