

TOWN OF HEBRON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
February 5, 2009 – Public Hearing
Town Office Building

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Members Present: W. Moorcroft, M. Stuart, B. O'Connell, J. Watt, G. Mulligan (7:20 p.m.)

Staff Present: J. Clark, Town Manager

Guests: D. McCalla, K. Strid, M. Foote, C. Ambrose, D. Watson, L. Yopp, D. Morrison, R. Musson, L. Bordick, J. Yopp, A. Fitzpatrick, D. Bland, D. Larson, B. Soderberg, C. Troy, C. Natorski, E. Dawtry, K. Randall, R. Steiner

The public hearing was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear comment regarding an amendment to Ordinance 94-1 "An Ordinance Establishing a Local Historic Properties Commission and Designating an Historic Property" pursuant to Section 402A of the Hebron Town Charter. In Section 7 – Designation of Historic Properties shall be amended to include:

k. The property owned by the Town of Hebron at 150 East Street, Hebron, known as the Peters House and described below is hereby designated an historic property.

D. McCalla stated that the Peters House has been approved for inclusion in the Conn. Freedom Trail.

G. Mulligan arrived at 7:20 p.m.

E. Dawtry stated that she has been tracing her family tree and she discovered that her family is connected back to the Peters family and the house. E. Dawtry indicated that she is in favor of having this local historic designation.

D. Larson spoke in favor of designating this house for local historic designation. A. Fitzpatrick spoke in favor of the designation. M. Foote spoke in favor of the designation. D. Morrison spoke in favor of the designation. D. Morrison read a letter from S. Morrison regarding her support of this local designation.

R. Cassata spoke in favor of this designation. C. Ambrose spoke in favor of this designation.

J. Watt stated that the Board will be taking action on this at the next regular meeting.

The public hearing adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Public Comment: D. Larson stated that the Town was in a much better economic situation when the second full time parks maintainer first became available. With the limited state monies coming to the Town's, how will this position impact the Town.

S. Brousseau, Friends of Hebron Parks, stated that they are in the process of organizing as a 5013c. S. Brousseau indicated that they are trying to support the Parks and Recreation Commission with things that may not be in the Town's budget such as a concession stand for the new park, bleachers or a playscape.

Appointments/Resignations:

Historic Properties Commission – Reappointment: G. Mulligan moved that Richard Cassata be reappointed to the Historic Properties Commission with a term until December, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Peters House Stabilization: G. Mulligan stated that she spoke with R. Overton about the items listed as priorities for stabilization. It is not a good time to do the basement repairs because of the cold. The main thing that needs to be done is to seal the windows. G. Mulligan noted that they have glass and volunteers to help with this.

J. Clark stated that he needs the names of the volunteers and who will be in charge. G. Mulligan stated that she will provide him with this information.

CIP Facilities Study: J. Clark stated that the purpose of this study is to develop an informed and comprehensive list of renovations and major repair items for all Town owned buildings. A request for \$102,000 was submitted to study all municipal buildings that had no significant renovations within the past five years. CIP included recommending funding \$65,000 this next fiscal year to review the maintenance requirements of Hebron's two elementary schools, the facilities at the Public Works Dept. and Fire Company #1. CIP indicated that they would like to fund the balance of the study for all municipal buildings in the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget.

Progress Report – Park Development Project: R. Calarco passed out copies of the budget and where they are. R. Calarco reported that they are 99% complete with the site work. Everything has been planted but because of the early fall, the grass did not grow.

R. Calarco stated that they have started working on the building with an anticipated completion date of mid May. They are out to bid for the installation of the water system. R. Calarco reported that they saved a lot of money doing a lot of work in-house. The paving will be out to bid in a few weeks, which is part of the STEAP grant.

R. Calarco reported that they would like to open the park on August 15, 2009 with a rain date of August 16, 2009. Local businesses will be invited to display their items.

Approval to Hire Second Full Time Parks Employee: R. Calarco provided the Board with an analysis of the park operations staffing. R. Calarco indicated that Public Works gives him help once in a while and in the past Public Works has sent someone to Parks and Recreation for 36 weeks. This can no longer happen because of the union contract. J. Clark noted that if he was to assign someone from Public Works to Parks, it could cause a grievance. It would be better to wait until the agreements are reached before a decision is made.

J. Watt questioned if this could be funded through Fund 4. R. Calarco stated that his salary comes out of Fund 4 and that it would be a difficult task but it could occur.

M. Stuart stated that R. Calarco reported that this project will have a surplus. Could that money be used to fund this position.

M. Stuart moved to authorize the Town Manager to advertise for a driver/laborer 36 week seasonal position for the Parks and Recreation Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider Name for the East Street Park: The Parks and Recreation Commission have considered possible names for the new Town park at East Street. The names they have considered are Tricentennial Park and East Street Park. G. Mulligan suggested possibly having a naming contest during the Maple Fest.

It was decided to set up a way to solicit more names for this park. C. Naturski suggested putting up potential names and have people vote on them.

Golf Course Revaluation Process: J. Clark stated that the protracted discussions between the golf course owners, the Town's revaluation consultant, the Assessor's Office and the lack of involvement by the Board of Assessment Appeals were resolved on the same day at which court proceedings were to begin. Without trying to rehash the different versions of what has transpired, confrontation over the derivation of new golf course and the property values can perhaps be avoided by clarification of the process involved. In the case of highly specialized properties such as the golf courses, it may be necessary to provide additional support to the Board of Assessment Appeals so that its members feel fully comfortable in considering the determination of values for specialized properties.

J. Clark stated that he did not think it was a perfect solution in terms of avoiding the last rounds of litigation that occurred. There could have been much better communication between some of the tax payers, the revaluation firm and the Town.

Polling Board of Selectmen on Support of Options Presented by the Peters House Reuse Committee: W. Moorcroft stated that if possible the house should be restored and used as a town facility. G. Mulligan stated that she felt that the public has been very clear on what they want to see done with the house. It is the Board's duty to preserve this house. M. Stuart indicated that this Board has already voted to move ahead with the STEAP grant. If the grant is awarded, this Board has already indicated it will without hesitation spend \$500,000 to restore this property. The Town needs to continue to look at what is going to be required to restore this house. In addition, the Town needs to know completely how to spend the taxpayer's money. B. O'Connell stated that he would like to have more information on the sale of the house as a residence and the true costs to keep the house for Town offices. B. O'Connell indicated that he wants to see the house preserved.

The Board recessed at 10:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

The top two options chosen by the Board were the sale of the Peters House as a residential property and retention of the Peters House for the offices of Parks and Recreation.

J. Watt suggested that the Board re-look at the report before the next meeting and if there are any questions or thoughts above and beyond what is already in the report, get those to G. Mulligan before the next meeting.

M. Stuart stated that the Board has already voted to apply for the STEAP grant to retain and preserve the house. If the Town does not get the grant, then it will be faced with a different set of circumstances and suggested that the Board wait to see if the grant is awarded.

New Business:

Report on the Current Fiscal Year Budget: J. Clark reported that the snow and ice is the biggest issue and right now the Town is about \$30,000 over budget which would include some allowances for retroactive pay for the Public Works contract. J. Clark noted that he has asked that the Town put a stop on spending. The Grand List has gone up .16% which is really nothing.

Grants in Aid Report and Schedule: J. Clark went over the various grants that the Town has applied for and received in the past.

M. Stuart indicated that a regular report should be received on what grants are available and what this money would be needed for.

Consent Agenda:

W. Moorcroft moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the following Consent Agenda items and motions contained therein as if individually adopted (see attached). The motion passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports:

AHM Youth Services: J. Watt stated that he attended a meeting where Marlborough and Andover were present to discuss what AHM was considering for their budget. Andover and Marlborough want to go back and talk to their Boards about what to do next.

Commission on Aging/Senior Center: G. Mulligan stated that she would volunteer to be a liaison.

J. Watt moved to go into Executive Session at 11:00 p.m. to discuss tax litigation for REJA property with J. Clark. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.


Tricia Schiavi
Board Clerk

February 4, 2009

To Board of Selectman
Hebron, CT:

Dear Sir/Madam

Please let this letter serve as notification that We the direct descendants of Cesar Peters would like to have our voice heard on the designation of The Peters House.

We are very excited and in favor of having the Peters House recognized as a Historical Site in Hebron Connecticut.

The Peters House represents a history in Hebron CT dating back to the 1700s. It also represents history and heritage to the descendants of Cesar and Lois Peters. We are determined to work with those who want to see the Peters House recognized as a Historical Site in Hebron, CT.

Thank You for your anticipated support in this matter.

Respectfully

1. S.A. Adams
 2. Salma Hassan
 3. King
 4. Damon
 5. Frank Lyle Smith
 6. Doodie Lyles
 7. Hung
 8. Daniel
 9. Darrell Peters
 10. V. Sul
 11. Karim
 12. [Signature]

13. Raymond M. Eliza
 14. Shanique Berry
 15. Thelma Peter
 16. Kim C. Hassan
 17. A. Peter
 18. Sue Peter
 19. Stephanie Peters
 20. Dr. Abdul-Mujil Karim Hassan
 Present = 15 / 09
 21. Zuleykha Hassan
 22. Edith Peter
 23. Georgette Peters
 24. Khadijah Peters
 25. Naomi Peters
 26. Khalif Peters
 27. Tracey Sevier
 28. Khalil Peters
 29. Fayza Alk
 William
 30. Jackson
 ROACH
 31. Simon
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 32. Charles B.
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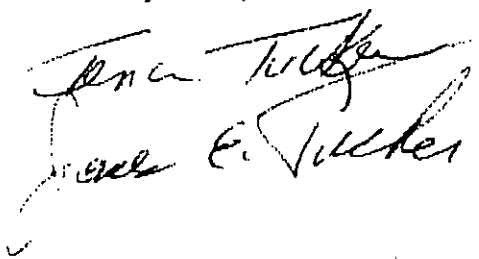
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Handwritten signature of James E. Tucker in cursive script.

This letter is from Winifred Peters Russell, in reference to the Peters House. Asking that the PEOPLE of HEBRON will consider what is and who is involved in taking away the History of a family who were made slaves, but now are free but still feel captive by the people who keep our fore parents in slaved. We are asking that you have a heart, so we can help our children to know how and where our fore parents have work hard in our behave. Please let us have this piece history to share with our children and families.

Thanking you in advance Informed

Winifred Peters Russell

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

CONSENT AGENDA

Proposed Motion:

Move that the Board of Selectmen approve the following Consent Agenda items and motions contained therein as if individually adopted:

a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 4.a.1 January 15, 2009 – Special Meeting
- 4.a.2 January 22, 2009 – Regular Meeting
- 4.a.3 January 31, 2009 – Special Meeting

b) TAX REFUNDS:

- 4.b.1 Alfred Cates - \$171.31
- 4.b.2 Emma Manning - \$259.01
- 4.b.3 Kenneth & Kathleen Davis - \$100.00
- 4.b.4 CAB EAST LLC - \$239.58

c) CONFIRMATION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

- 4.c.1 Brian Grabber – P/T (On Call) Public Works – DOH January 20, 2009
- 4.c.2 Ashley Boutin – P/T PREP – DOH January 26, 2009