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# Winsted Panel O.K.'s Funds: Access Road

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WINSTED—The Board of Selectmen on Monday authorized $100 to be paid to Harold Smith for an option to purchase land near Old New Hartford Road to be used for building a new access road to Regional 7 High School. The project would cost $175,000.

The lone dissent in the 6-to-1 vote came from Selectman John Gauger, who objected that the town's $300,000 state grant for the project was going to benefit not Winsted but the four towns which use the regional school. "They are kicking in nothing. That is a very, very poor deal...they are no longer picking up their fair share because Winchester has got a $300,000 grant," he said, referring to the towns of Colebrook, Barkhamsted, Norfolk and New Hartford.

Mr. Gauger earlier voted on the losing side of a 4-to-3 margin with selectmen David Cappabianca and Walter Miller on a motion to ask these towns to join in paying $15,000 for a feasibility study.

Interim city manager Wayne Dove said the money was granted, in large part, because it was understood the project would benefit the region and not just one town.

Selectmen also voted unanimously to get the process started to adopt a town ban on the use of polystyrene and polyvinylchloride containers by food handlers. Community advocate Charlene La Voie told the board that a potential conflict with a recently adopted state statute forbidding such town ordinances, was not the problem it appeared it might be. The statute forbids towns from keeping businesses from using such containers only if they do not have a "comprehensive recycling program" in place. But what constitutes such a program is never defined, she said, and this leaves the way open for a town to decide in its ordinance what this should be. The proposed Winsted rules define specific procedures that must be met to qualify as a satisfactory program, she added.

The proposal has to be published for two consecutive weeks and then if the selectmen approve it, it will become an ordinance, she said.