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Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman
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Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
7:30 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room "A"

PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin Lawlor.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the regular meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Public Comments: Bruce Cornwall

Correspondence: None that was not already on tonight's agenda

Minutes of October 6, 2015 Regular Meeting: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of October 13, 2015 Special Meeting: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report – First Selectman Knickerbocker offered congratulations to newly elected officials and thanked all those that ran in the election. The swearing in ceremony will be held on Monday, December 7, 2015. He noted the progress of the road projects and advised that the retaining wall project at the YMCA is nearly complete.

New Business

1.) Consideration of request from RMS Durant – Tax Abatement and release of prior agreement.

Town Counsel Martin Lawlor advised that RMS Durant recently purchased a portion of the Augustana property and is seeking to continue the same status in order to receive tax abatements from the state. He noted that there is a lot of legislative action still to be taken and asked the Board of Selectmen to table this item.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to table this item. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of recommendation from Public Utilities Commission to authorize the filing of an application for a Clean Water Fund grant through the CT DEEP in the sum of $173,996.44.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to accept the recommendation from the Public Utilities Commission and authorize the filing of an application for a Clean Water Fund grant through the CT DEEP in the amount of $173,996.44. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, item # 3 Consideration of establishing a Public Hearing date on the Police Station Project. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of establishing a Public Hearing date on the Police Station Project.

After discussion, it was agreed that a Public Hearing date would not be scheduled; the required Special Town Meeting will be held on December 1, 2015 with the referendum on the 10th.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Smith

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary