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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 30, 2016

1:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton, Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance were Human Resource Assistant Phyllis Kansky and Town Clerk Lisa Bergh.

First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. Consideration of Fair Housing Resolution

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Fair Housing Resolution, which is included. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight’s agenda, Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 1:05 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dionne Craig, Recording Secretary

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FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, all persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

WHEREAS, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, the **Town of Bethel** is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the **Town of Bethel** hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chief executive officer of the **Town of Bethel** or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the **Town of Bethel** and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Adopted by the Town of Bethel on 3/30/2016

Matthew S. Knickerbocker

First Selectman