



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman
Richard C. Straiton, Selectman
Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 - 7:30 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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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 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: Favorable report from Planning & Zoning regarding the hydrant easement with the City of Danbury

Minutes of April 19, 2015: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, Presentation by Ameresco and Consideration of Summerfest 2016. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the bridge project is well underway. He noted that the state budget and any potential cuts to municipalities are unclear at this time.

New Business

Presentation by Ameresco: Peter Combs provided an update to the Board of Selectmen on the Ameresco Energy Project; he noted that at this time, they are about

40% complete with the various energy conservation items. Among some of the enhancements, are they replacement of toilets in various town buildings with low flow features, boilers and replaced lighting with LED.

1.) Consideration of appointment of Special Town Counsel for employee review and possible discipline action

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Attorney John Shea of Pullman & Comley as Special Town Counsel for employee review and possible disciplinary action. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of recommendation from the Public Site & Building Commission to award the Construction Manager at Risk contract.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the recommendation from the Public Site & Building Commission and award the Construction Manager at Risk contract to Downes Construction in an amount not to exceed \$929,200 for the Police Station Project. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of E-Waste Contract

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to table the E-Waste Contract. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of Fiber Optic Connection

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to authorize Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman, to sign the Connecticut Education Network Contract, subject to Town Counsel review. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

5.) Consideration of Summerfest 2016

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Chamber of Commerce request to close P.T. Barnum Square for their Summerfest event on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved. The Police Commission (as Bethel's

Traffic Authority) will be advised that the Board of Selectmen fully supports the closure of P.T. Barnum Square during the Summerfest activities.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary