



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, January 5, 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 were Town Counsel Martin Lawlor and Comptroller Robert Kozlowski.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments: David Glahn

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

Minutes of December 15, 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 Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker reported on several items, including the Teen Center Director. He noted that we are actively seeking a replacement even if it's just an interim director and are also looking at the feasibility of restructuring the position/department; more information will be provided at the next meeting. He noted that the state has reduced ECS funding in the amount of \$52,000. The “old” Train Station is now vacant; an RFP will be advertised for new tenant proposals. He advised that after many, many years, State Project No. 09-88 for the Plumtrees Road Bridge Replacement project is ready. Tonight the Board of Selectmen would be acting on the contractor award. Construction (24 months) is anticipated to begin in the spring.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, # 6 – Consideration of recommendation from the Procurement Committee – Appointment of Contractor for State Project No. 09-88 / Plumtrees Road Bridge Reconstruction and under New Business, # 7 – Consideration of Service Agreement – BELFOR USA GROUP, INC /Red Alert Agreement. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

New Business

1.) Consideration of fee schedule for all town parks

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to accept the 2016 fee schedule for Bennett Memorial Park as presented:

Weekday Rental	M-F	\$150.00 - Bethel Residents	\$200.00
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$175.00 - Bethel Residents (over 125 people)*	\$225.00
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$225.00 - non resident	\$275.00
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$275.00 - non resident (over 125 people)*	\$325.00
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$ 50.00 - (SCOUTS ONLY)	\$100.00
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$200.00 - Bethel Residents	\$250.00
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$225.00 - Bethel residents (over 125 people)*	\$275.00
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$325.00 - non residents	\$375.00
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$375.00 - non residents (over 125 people)*	\$425.00

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adopt a fee of \$50 (weekday) and \$75 (weekend) for rental of the pavilion at Meckauer Park. First Selectman Knickerbocker amended the motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to establish one rate of \$50 for the pavilion rental. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion. Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed.

2.) Consideration of establishing 2016 regular meeting schedule

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to establish the following regular meeting schedule:

Tuesday, February 2 and February 16
Tuesday, April 5 and April 19
Tuesday, June 7 and June 21
Tuesday, August 2 and August 16
Tuesday, October 4 and October 18
Tuesday, December 6 and December 20

Tuesday, March 1 and March 15
Tuesday, May 3 and May 17
Tuesday, July 5 and July 19
Tuesday, September 6 and Sept. 20
Tuesday, November 1 and Nov. 15
Tuesday, Jan. 3 and Jan. 20, 2017

All meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room "A" of the CJH Municipal Center unless otherwise noted. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of establishing Annual Town Meeting date

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to establish the date of Monday, April 4, 2016 as the date of the Annual Town Meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of appointment- Board of Education

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to appoint William Foster to the vacancy on the Board of Education (created by the resignation of Stuart Carlson).

5.) Consideration of resolution - STEAP GRANT - Police Station/Downtown Streetscape

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adopt the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS. The Town of Bethel has been invited to apply for a **STEAP** grant with the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS. it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Bethel make application for **STEAP** grant funding for the following projects:

1. New Police Station - \$500,000,000.
2. Downtown Streetscape - Phase II - \$482,659

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen that the filing of these applications for State of Connecticut **STEAP** funding is hereby approved and that Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman is directed to sign any agreements with the State should either of the above applications be approved.

6.) Consideration of recommendation from the Procurement Committee - Appointment of Contractor for State Project No. 09-88 / Plumtrees Road Bridge Reconstruction

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the recommendation from the Procurement Committee and award the contract for State Project No. 09-88 / Plumtrees Road Bridge

Reconstruction to Nagy Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$2,442,109.92 (funding of which will be paid by the State of Connecticut). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

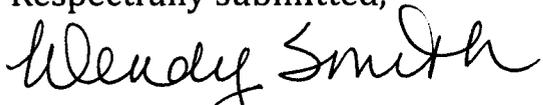
7.) Consideration of Service Agreement - BELFOR USA GROUP, INC /Red Alert Agreement

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, that as a preferred vendor of CIRMA (town's insurance provider), the Town of Bethel agrees to enter into a Service Agreement with Belfor USA Group, Inc. for a RED ALERT AGREEMENT for emergency, restoration, mitigation or reconstruction services.

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 meeting at 8:07 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary