

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
6:30 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

Present: First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Paul Szatkowski, Town Attorney Martin Lawlor

First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30P.M.

Consideration of Heart & Hypertension Claim (*Executive Session Anticipated*): First Selectman made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to go into Executive Session at 6:33 P. M. for the purpose of consideration of personal matters. Town Attorney Martin Lawlor, Attorney John Shea, Pullman & Comley and Recording Secretary Dionne Craig were invited into the Executive Session. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Executive Session ended at 6:48 P.M.

First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Richard Straiton *whereas*, Kevin Kennedy was employed by the Town of Bethel as a police officer from November 3, 1980 until his resignation/retirement on June 30, 2015; and *whereas*, Mr. Kennedy filed a Heart and Hypertension claim under Section 7-433c of the Connecticut General Statutes on April 8, 2002 alleging hypertension; Now therefore be it *resolved*, that the Town is authorized to enter into a stipulation agreeing to pay Mr. Kennedy Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) in full and final settlement of all Mr. Kennedy’s claims for benefits under Section 7-1433c of the Connecticut General Statutes and applicable provisions of the Workers’ Compensation Act, Section 31-175 et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes, subject to any necessary

review and further action by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Voted, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of acquisition of a new paramedic vehicle: First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Richard Straiton to authorize the purchase upon the consent of the Board of Finance to not exceed \$34,981 and negotiated with the town of Redding. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved

As there was no further business on the agenda, Selectman Richard Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Paul Szatkowski to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Dionne Craig, Recording Secretary