



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 17, 2012
7:30 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Public Comments: Judy Novachek (Commission on Aging appointing a member who attends the senior center), Bill Kingston (recommendation to appoint Deno Gualtieri to the Public Utilities Commission), Robert Legnard (recommendation to re-appoint Michael Gribbin to Public Utilities Commission) and Mary O’Leary (Commission on Aging representing all seniors) spoke.

Correspondence: none that was not already on tonight’s agenda.

Minutes of December 20, 2011: Selectman Straiton 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 advised that notification will be given soliciting names for a Charter Revision Commission, plans are in place to reactivate the EMS Commission to review the paramedic contract and offered congratulations to Bethel for approving the purchase of the Franc property at the town meeting this evening and that he will be creating an Ad-Hoc Committee to formulate some recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the use of the property.

It was also discussed that no one (town/CL&P) seems to be able to locate the lampposts that were believed to be found (for placement on Whittlesey Drive); this is still being investigated. First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that he will be meeting with department heads regarding the Blight Ordinance and that the Ad-Hoc

Transfer Station Committee will be reactivated and asked to look at recycling as well as the HRRRA contract.

New Business

1.) Consideration of appointments to town boards and commissions

Commission on Aging:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to re-appoint Barbara Negri (R) to the Commission on Aging. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires on January 4, 2016.

Constables

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to re-appoint Janet Cosgrove (D), Robert Legnard (R), William Duff (R) and Richard Straiton (D) as Constables. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. These terms expire on January 6, 2014.

Economic Development Commission

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Roy Steiner (U) and Sharon Straiton (D) to the Economic Development Commission. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. These appointments replace the expired term of John Holbrook (R) and the vacant position previously held by Scott Ward (R), and both terms expire on January 2, 2017.

Selectman Szatkowski expressed disappointment that Republican Town Committee recommended candidates John Holbrook and Kevin Cleary were not appointed.

Ethics Commission

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to re-appoint John Kelly (R) to the Ethics Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires on January 5, 2015.

Housing Authority

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that one position is vacant. Three people, all residents of Reynolds Ridge, have placed their names in for consideration.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to table appointment to the Housing Authority to give the Housing Authority up to 30 days, to resolve the resident issue. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Insurance & Pension Commission – on agenda but no vacancy exists, therefore, no action necessary.

Library Board of Directors

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Carol Lawlor (D), Gary Passineau (D) and re-appoint Richard Merritt (R) and Terry Rotella (R) to the Library Board of Directors. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. These terms expire on January 4, 2016.

Parks & Recreation

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to re-appoint Patrick Morton (D), Meghan O'Connor (D) and William Pullan (R) to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. These terms expire on January 4, 2016.

Public Site & Building Commission

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Ellen Connell (D) and Jon Menti (D) to the Public Site & Building Commission.

Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. These terms expire on January 4, 2016.

Public Utilities Commission

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to re-appoint Peter Valenti (D) and Michael Gribbin (R) to the Public Utilities Commission. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Abstention: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. These terms expire January 6, 2014.

Youth Commission

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to re-appoint Lisa Bergh (D), Kathleen Shea (D) and Jane Kraver (D) to the Youth Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. These terms expire on January 6, 2014.

Youth Commission Alternate

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Nicole Struth (D) to the Youth Commission Alternate. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Devin Pedone (D) and expires on January 6, 2014.

Cable Advisory Board

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Robin Renner (D) to the Cable TV Advisory Board. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Abstention: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. This term expires on July 1, 2014.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Kitty Grant (R) to the Cable TV Advisory Board. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires on July 1, 2014.

2.) Consideration of Tax Collector's request for Tax Refund Authorization

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Tax Collector's request of January 13, 2012 and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$2,757.58. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of Resolution - Bethel Health Department - Acceptance of Lead Subcontract Grant - \$2,050.00 FY 2011-2012

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that:

"RESOLVED that, Laura L. Vasile, MPH, RS, Director of Health of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut, is authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of this Corporation,

any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health,

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of Resolution – Grant Opportunity for bicycle racks at various locations throughout town.

First Selectman Knickerbocker discussed the grant opportunity available to us; there is \$300,000 remaining in Stimulus funds for the entire State. Bike racks were one of the allowable items on the list, and it was thought we may be able to get these funds to place bike racks at various locations throughout town.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, that:

RESOLVED, that Matthew S. Knickerbocker of the Town of Bethel be and hereby is authorized to sign on behalf of the Town of Bethel an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application (Quick Spend EECBG) administered under the auspices of the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

IN ADDITION, that Matthew S. Knickerbocker is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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 8:57 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary