



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

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**PRESENT:** First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor.

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

**Public Comments:** David Glahn (retain old town hall, no fairs on Municipal Center lawn, decision made to raze building before Public Hearing held and food bank low on food), Billy Michaels (Casmir Polaski Day 3/5/12, fate of old town hall should be decided by the voters), J. Philip Gallagher (Library project approved based on old town hall being retained, were assured that parking would be found elsewhere), and Robert Crnic (let the voters decide on the old town hall) all spoke.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, # 3 – Consideration of recommendation from the Public Utilities Commission regarding the use of accumulated interest funds from the Stony Hill Sewer Project, establishing date for Special Town Meeting, and referral to the Board of Finance. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, # 4 – Consideration of Pancifico Navona & Bethel Cycle Summer Racing Series – request for use of Clarke Park roadways. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Correspondence:** Letter dated February 2, 2012 from Robert Pitt, disclosure of financial interest, business relationship with Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor.

Letter dated February 6, 2012 from Carol Lawlor, disclosure of financial interest, Library Board of Director member, spousal relationship to Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor.

**Minutes of January 17, 2012 Regular Meeting:** Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Minutes of January 30, 2012 Special Meeting:** Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**First Selectman Report** – First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that we received notification of grant award for bike racks to be located at various sites throughout town, He noted that Dr. Kevin Smith started as Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Gary Chesley has retired. It is anticipated that budget presentations will begin the week of February 21<sup>st</sup>. He noted that the Public Hearing on the “old” town hall is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at the High School – 7:00 p.m. On Wednesday, March 14, CCM will hold a seminar on Municipal Meetings: Understanding Parliamentary Procedures at 6:00 p.m. – notification has been sent to boards and commissions.

## **Old Business**

### **1.) Consideration of New Train Station Lease and Sub-lease.**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that the proposed amendments in paragraph 3 and paragraph 19 in the lease between the Town of Bethel and the Daily Fare, LLC for the premises at 13 Durant Avenue be accepted and approved. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that the proposed amendment in paragraph 2 in the sub-lease between the Daily Fare, LLC and Dionne Craig and William Craig, doing business as Billy's Southern Style BBQ, for the premises at 13 Durant Avenue known as the Railroad Station be accepted and approved. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor will forward both these to the State for consideration.

## **New Business**

**1.) Consideration of Resolution – Historic Restoration Fund Grant – Bethel Public Library**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that these are resolutions that were previously done in a former First Selectman name and required updating for the grant.

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

*RESOLVED, that Matthew S. Knickerbocker, who is the First Selectman of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this corporation a certain contract with the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development.*

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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

*RESOLVED, that the policies of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut comply with the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties of Connecticut General Statutes 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended.*

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated February 3, 2012 and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$3,378.39. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**3.) Consideration of recommendation from the Public Utilities Commission regarding the use of accumulated interest funds from the Stony Hill Sewer Project, establishing date for Special Town Meeting, and referral to the Board of Finance.**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that based on the recommendation from the Public Utilities Commission, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the accumulated interest funds from the Stony Hill Sewer Project of approximately \$751,371.32 (earned between July 2006 and December 31, 2011) be used for sewer project construction costs, and

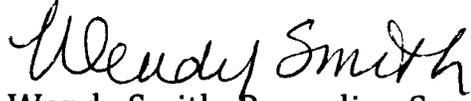
hereby refers the recommendation to the Board of Finance for approval and, if approved, establishes a Special Town Meeting date of Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**4.) Consideration of Pancifico Navona & Bethel Cycle (formerly Cycle Fitness) Summer Racing Series - request for use of Clarke Park roadways.**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the request from Pancifico Navona & Bethel Cycle for the use of Clarke Park roadways for their 2012 Summer Racing Series, subject to receipt of the appropriate insurance and notification to park occupants and Bethel Police Department. Their events will be held on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 p.m. from May 9<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 First Selectman Knickerbocker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary