



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, March 6, 2012
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 J. Lawlor.

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

Public Comments: none

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, # 3 – Consideration of recommendation to Board of Finance for the purchase of a Lowboy Dump Truck/Establish date for Special Town Meeting and #4) Consideration of request – Soap Box Derby – Racing Events

Correspondence:

- Letter dated December 12, 2011 from Thomas O'Leary – disclosure of indirect financial interest – spouse is employed by Town of Bethel.
- Letter dated, February 27, 2012 from Eileen Freebairn – disclosure of indirect financial interest – daughter is employed by Town of Bethel.

February 7, 2012 Regular Meeting: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

February 21, 2012 Special Meeting: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

February 23, 2012 Special Meeting: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

February 27, 2012 Special Meeting: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes as presented.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker reported on the budget deliberations; the Board of Selectmen has completed their deliberation process and has presented their recommendation to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance will begin their deliberation next week. He noted that road construction is anticipated to start earlier this year due to the nicer weather; they are awaiting notification as to the opening of the asphalt plants. Also discussed was the Blight Ordinance. First Selectman Knickerbocker will have Selectman Szatkowski meet with the department heads to discuss their concerns with the proposed ordinance.

New Business

1.) Consideration of Paramedic Intercept Request for Proposals (RFP)

First Selectman Knickerbocker presented the draft RFP for Board of Selectmen consideration; Selectmen agreed that they would like time to review the RFP.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table the RFP for the Paramedic program. 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 Straiton, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated March 5, 2012 and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$5,076.94. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of recommendation to Board of Finance for the purchase of a Low/Boy Dump Truck / Establish date for Special Town Meeting

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that there will be savings realized in the Highway Department budget due to the mild winter. One of the lowboy trucks was totaled in an

accident and needs to be replaced. They are recommending that this be done with the savings in the Highway budget.

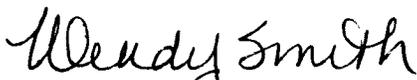
First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, appropriating a sum not to exceed \$72,000 for the purchase of a replacement Low/Boy dump truck from the current year Highway Department budget, and if approved, establish a Special Town Meeting date of Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the CJH Municipal Center, Meeting Room "A". Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of request – Soap Box Derby – Racing Events

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the request of the Greater Danbury Soap Box Derby Association to hold their race events on Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th (rain date – May 12th and 13th) and, Saturday, June 2nd and Sunday, June 3rd (rain date June 10th), subject to receipt of the appropriate insurance and notification to the Park occupants and Bethel Police Department. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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 regular meeting at 8:04 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary