



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, April 17th, 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.

Additions to agenda: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion seconded by Selectman Straiton to add Insurance & Pension Commission and Charter Review Committee appointments to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
Motion by First Selectman Knickerbocker, seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to add Blight Ordinance to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Billy Michaels, 27 ½ Fleetwood Ave (Blight Ordinance, salaries, bridge) Sherry Holmberg (paramedics survey suggestions, blight ordinance).

Minutes of April 3, 2012 Regular Meeting: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker expressed condolences and deepest sympathy to the family and colleagues of Marshall Sanford, a member of the Bethel Fire Department and requested a moment of silence in his honor and memory.

New Business

1.) Consideration of Tax Collectors request for Tax Refund Authorization

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Tax Collector's request for refunds in the amount of \$568.82 according to memo dated April 17th 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

2.) Consideration of Resolution – Fair Housing (annual adoption)

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution whereas all persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice. Motion passed unanimously.

3.) Consideration of Paramedic intercept consultant study

The Board discussed the merits of the proposal and concluded that further study was needed before the RFP was made available for consultants.

4.) Consideration of extension of Paramedic Contract

Motion by First Selectman Knickerbocker, seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to rescind the termination letter of December of 2011 and extend current contract for one year with no increase in pricing or capitol equipment. Motion passed unanimously.

5.) Consideration of Appointments – Insurance & Pension - Charter Revision

Motion by First Selectman Knickerbocker seconded by Selectman Straiton to appoint Thomas O'Leary to the Insurance & Pension Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by First Selectman Knickerbocker seconded by Selectman Straiton to create a 7 member committee for Charter Revision and appoint the following democrats to fill 4 positions: David Olson, William Shannon, Wendy Smith, and Meghan O'Connor. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Szatkowski seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker to appoint the following republicans to the Charter revision committee: Paul Improta, Nicholas Hoffman and Bill Hillman. Motion passed unanimously.

Blight Ordinance

First Selectman Knickerbocker passed out a copy of the proposed ordinance and notes from Staff meetings reviewing the item. The Board will continue discussion at a future date.

Motion by Selectman Straiton seconded by Selectman Szatkowski to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Beth Cavagna, Recording Secretary