



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, June 5, 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: Sister Anne McCarthy and Robert Legnard both thanked the Board of Selectmen for their support on allowing the St. Mary School carnival on the municipal center lawn; the carnival was a real success.

Correspondence: copy of letter from Emily Antanaitis

Minutes of May 15, 2012 Regular 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.

Minutes of May 30, 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.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, # 4 – Consideration of request from the Bethel Land Trust – mark Ives Trail. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that Bethel High School Graduation is set for Wednesday, June 13th. The Farmer's Market opens on June 21st at 3 p.m. He advised that tomorrow he will be visiting the YMCA Children's Center, author Mary Higgins Clark is coming to the YMCA tomorrow in conjunction with the United Way; he noted that we are all honored that she will share her expertise and experience in order to encourage a lifelong love of reading and writing to the students. The road construction project (major drainage project) on Adam's Drive is virtually complete and they will start paving projects next week (weather willing). He attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for Gaeton Dragone as well as a bridging ceremony for over 300 girl scouts.

New Business

1.) 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 June 5, 2012 and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$6,722.54. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of Resolution – STEAP grant

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

“RESOLVED, that First Selectman Matthew S. Knickerbocker be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Bethel, a Connecticut STEAP Grant-2012 in the amount of \$500,000 for reconstruction/repaving roads impacted by the Stony Hill Sewer extension; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Selectman Knickerbocker is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said STEAP 2012 grant with the State of Connecticut.”

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of recommendation from Procurement Committee – Gas Conversion for schools

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the recommendation from the Procurement Committee and award Bid #12-06 Natural Gas Conversion of Four Public Schools (Anna H. Rockwell, Bethel Middle School, Frank A. Berry and RMT Johnson) to Connecticut Combustion Corporation for the

base bid price of \$174,900 as recommended by Town Engineer Andrew Morosky in his letter dated May 24, 2012. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of request from the Bethel Land Trust – mark Ives Trail

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the request from the Bethel Land Trust to mark existing trails within the Terre Haute property as part of the Ives Trail. 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 Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary