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Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman
Richard C. Straiton, Selectman
Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, February 15, 2013 - 12:00 p.m. Noon
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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

First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 12:10 .m.

Consideration of Blight and Fines Ordinance:

Town Counsel Martin Lawlor had prepared revised ordinances based on the feedback from the Public Hearing and direction from the Board of Selectmen. The revised ordinance removed items such as the length of grass, shrub maintenance, gutters, etc. and now addresses the most blatant violations affecting the health, safety and neighborhood property values.

Town Counsel Martin Lawlor advised that there is no need to republish the entire two (2) ordinances (at a cost of \$5,000) nor have another Public Hearing as the language revisions are less restrictive than originally proposed.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adopt the two (2) ordinances Chapter 64 – Anti-Blight Ordinance and Chapter 65 – Hearing Procedure for Town Citations and Civil Penalties and/or Fines to the Code of the Town of Bethel as revised. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on today’s agenda, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 12:35 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Smith
Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary