



# 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, November 19, 2013  
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 Lawlor.

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

**Public Comments:** none

**Correspondence:** none

**Minutes of October 15, 2013:** 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 Report:** First Selectman Knickerbocker reported on several items, including congratulating the Board of Selectmen on re-election as well as the others who won, he also gave special recognition to those that ran for election but did not win either a new seat or reelection. He noted that the bridge work had resumed as announced, testing of the first micropile proved successful and contractors will continue with the installation of the remaining micropiles. The contractors anticipate the bridge reopening in December, although they do not believe they will make the early December timeframe as originally projected but providing the weather cooperates, they anticipate the opening sometime in December. Selectman Szatkowski presented the email he had regarding the Walnut Hill bridge as it relates to a Freedom of Information request.

First Selectman Knickerbocker reminded the Board of Selectmen that the Swearing In Ceremony for Elected Officials will be held on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Middle School.

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### **New Business**

#### **1.) Consideration of request – Public Site & Building Committee – appoint Construction Advisors**

Nancy Ryan, Co-Chair of the Public Site & Building Committee was present at tonight's meeting and presented the request of the committee to appoint a Construction Advisor for the site review process. The committee recommends Hawley Construction who would oversee and make recommendation to the committee on the upcoming replacement of the Bethel Police Station.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to accept the recommendation of the Public Site & Building Committee and appoint Hawley Construction Corporation to act as Construction Advisors through the site review process for the Police Station project and, to have the Committee direct the architect to review/update the 2005 needs study to insure the eight year old plan is still current. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

#### **2.) Consideration of Acceptance of Open Space Agreement – 48/50 Stony Hill Road and referral to Board of Selectmen and establish date for Special Town Meeting**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve and recommend to the Board of Finance the acceptance of Open Space at 48-50 Stony Hill Road, Parcel B-3 of 4.446 acres and, establish a Special Town Meeting date of Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. subject to Board of Finance approval.

Town Counsel Martin Lawlor will clarify open space acceptance and designations with the Planning & Zoning Commission and department.

#### **3.) Consideration of Land Purchase – Walnut Hill Road, Parcel Z and referral to Board of Finance, referral to Planning & Zoning (8-24 mandatory referral) and establish date for Special Town Meeting.**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by PZ, to recommend the purchase of .262 acres on Walnut Hill Road, known as Parcel Z in consideration of in-kind services rendered and refer the request to the Board of Finance for consideration, refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission under the provisions of State Statute 8-24 Mandatory Referral, and to establish a Special Town Meeting date of Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m..

#### **4.) 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 November 19, 2013 and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$5,889.36. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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## 5.) Consideration of request – Carpe Diem Spring Racing Series

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the request of Carpe Diem Racing to hold their 2014 Spring Series on March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> in the Clarke Business Park, subject to receipt of the appropriate insurance and notification to the Park occupants and Police Department, the completion of the Facility Use Agreement and the move of the start/finish line to a different location so as to not impede the ingress/egress of the bakery business. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

## 6.) Consideration of Assessment Appeal Litigation Settlement – 95000 Francis Clarke LLC, 13 Francis J. Clarke Circle – (*Executive Session Anticipated*)

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m., inviting in Town Counsel Martin Lawlor and Assessor Ann Marie Heering for the purpose of consideration of the assessment appeal litigation settlement for 95000 Francis Clarke LLC. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Executive Session ended at 8:31 p.m.

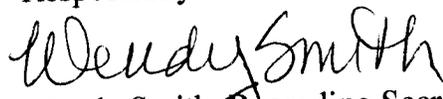
First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the Assessor's recommended stipulated settlement on 95000 Francis Clarke LLC, Docket # DBD-CV13-6011879-S as follows:

Grand List of 2012	Assessment	\$2,494,520
Grand List of 2013	Assessment	\$2,694,020
Grand List of 2014	Assessment	\$2,802,520
Grand List of 2015	Assessment	\$2,911,020
Grand List of 2016	Assessment	\$3,019,520

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary