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Robert Burke, First Selectman
Paul Szatkowski, Selectman
Kevin L. Cleary, Selectman

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 15, 2008

7:30 p.m. or immediately following the Special Town Meeting
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski and Selectman Cleary. Also in attendance was William Hagan, Town Attorney.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Burke called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Correspondence: None that did not relate to an agenda item.

Public Comments: Robert Fand, Jane Bickford, Martin Lawlor, J. Philip Gallagher and Robert Legnard spoke.

Minutes of January 2, 2008: Selectman Cleary made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes of January 2, 2008 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Burke provided an update on various items; the Public Hearing on the water/sewer rates has been postponed, the Municipal Center window project is almost complete, progress continues (weather permitting) on the Parks & Recreation Building.

New Business

1.) Appointments to Boards & Commissions

Inland Wetlands Alternate – 2 Year Position – First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Gervaise Tiernan (PB) to the Inland Wetlands Alternate – 2 year position. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This is position is subject to the municipal election of November 2009.

Constables: First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Janet Cosgrove (U) (This position was previously held by M. Gote Goranson). This term expires January 2, 2010.

Library Board of Directors: First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Terry Rotella (R) (to replace Joyce Hess) on the Library Board of Directors. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 2, 2012.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Robert Crnic (U) to the Library Board of Directors (to replace Robin Kahn). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Burke and Selectman Szatkowski. Voting against the motion: Selectman Cleary. Motion carried. This term expires on January 2, 2012.

Youth Commission: First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Melisa A. Pelikan (R) to a full seat on the Youth Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires on January 2, 2010.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint James Swickard (R) to the Alternate Seat on the Youth Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires on January 2, 2010.

Public Utilities Commission – Selectman Cleary made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Burke, to re-appoint Michael Gribbin (R) to the Public Utilities Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 2, 2010.

Public Site and Building Commission: First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint David DeStefano (R) to the Public Site & Building Commission. This term expires on January 2, 2012.

2.) Consideration of Resolution – Department of Social Services/Neighborhood Facilities Grant Application \$250,000 for South Street Firehouse

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectman acknowledges the need for additional funds to complete the ADA improvements to the South Street Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of obtaining a grant for additional funding for this project from the State Department of Social Services under the auspices of the Neighborhood Facilities Grant; and

WHEREAS the South Street Fire Station has received a grant of \$500,000 from a Small Cities Block Grant and the Town has already committed an additional \$200,000; and

WHEREAS it has been determined the cost to complete this project is 1.25 million; and

WHEREAS, the Town will have to contribute \$550,000 of Town funds in order to complete this project, and

WHEREAS, the State has invited the Town to complete an application for this grant to fund a portion of the \$550,000 in the amount of \$250,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Bethel, Board of Selectman that

1. The Town of Bethel shall submit an application to the State Department of Social Services for a Neighborhood Facilities Grant.
2. Robert E. Burke, First Selectman of the Town of Bethel is hereby authorized to sign the necessary paperwork to complete this grant application.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of Resolution – Meckauer Park – STEAP Grant 2003

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that:

RESOLVED, that **Robert E. Burke, First Selectman** of the Town of Bethel be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this municipal corporation a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to complete improvements at Meckauer Park with the construction of a splash park for children.

IN ADDITION, that **Robert E. Burke, First Selectman** is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that **Robert E. Burke** was elected **First Selectman**. His term of office began on December 3, 2007 and will continue until December 7, 2009. As the First Selectman, Robert E. Burke serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of Bethel, and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of Bethel.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of funding request – Mass Notification System

Tom Galliford, Bethel's Fire Marshall and Director of Emergency Management was present at tonight's meeting to explain the Mass Notification System. He advised that the system involves no infrastructure or special equipment. The initial annual total is \$6,818, with anticipated in-house data entry cost of approximately 10 hours per month.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to forward the funding request to the Board of Finance for consideration. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

5.) Consideration of request – use of Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park Roadways for Cyclefitness 2008 Race Season

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the request from Cyclefitness to hold their 2008 Race Season in the Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park, subject to receipt of the appropriate insurance, notification to park occupants and notification of event to the Police Department. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

6.) Consideration of request – use of Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park roadways for Carpe Diem 2008 Race Season

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the request from Carpe Diem to hold their 2008 Race Season in the Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park, subject to receipt of the appropriate insurance, notification to park occupants and notification of event to the Police Department. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

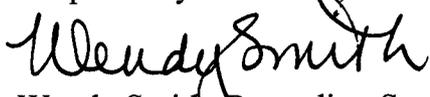
7.) Consideration of meeting dates for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget Presentations

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to hold the Budget Presentation Meetings on Monday, February 11th, Wednesday, February 13th, Tuesday, February 19th, Thursday, February 21st and Monday, February 25th. Meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room "A" in the CJH Municipal Center, unless posted otherwise. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Selectman Cleary raised the topic of forming a committee to meet with the local merchants to determine their wants, needs and concerns. Selectmen agreed to take this under consideration.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:50 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary