



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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TOWN OF BETHEL
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2009
7:30 p.m.

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 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments: Lawrence Craybas, Geraldine Mills, Dorthea Stasny, Robert Crnic, Patricia Rist, Elizabeth Cavagna, J. Philip Gallagher, Linda Curtis and David Gesualdi spoke.

Correspondence: Letter from Theresa Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services for the Board of Education dated August 5, 2009 with the disclosure of a familial relationship. Packet of correspondence to and from Christopher Trodahl regarding several Freedom of Information requests.

Minutes of July 21, 2009: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report – First Selectman Burke provided an update on paving operations, he noted that drainage on Payne Road and Hawleyville Road are complete and reclaiming of roads will begin shortly. He noted that Crosswalk painting will begin in the month of September.

Old Business

William Hagan, Town Attorney presented an opinion letter regarding Ethics Commission Complaint C-2009-1. Board of Selectmen agreed to send a copy to Kevin Riley and discuss this at a future meeting.

New Business

1.) Appointment – Youth Commission ex-officio member:

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Jacquie Mancher as the ex-officio member of the Youth Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Presentation – Bethel Historical Society – PT Barnum Statue

Patricia Rist, President of the Bethel Historical Society had submitted a packet to the Board of Selectmen regarding their plans to erect a statue of PT Barnum at the Library. They had presented this to the Library Board of Directors in 2007 and are planning to meet again with the Library Board of Directors. This would entail the removal of a dogwood tree and the erection of the statue base followed by the statue itself. Their plans are to present the statue to the Town of Bethel in the fall (2010). Mrs. Rist pledged that the Bethel Historical Society would commit the funds if necessary but that they have every intention of raising funds for this project. The projected timeframe would include the tree to be removed in the spring and then setting the base with the setting of the statue in the fall.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to grant permission to the Bethel Historical Society to erect the statue of PT Barnum in the location noted provided permission has been received from the Library Board of Directors and, further that construction of the statue and base is to take place when they are ready to be installed in one complete action. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of Resolution – Connecticut Local JAG Program

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

RESOLVED that First Selectman Robert Burke, is hereby authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of Bethel, any and all contracts and amendments and to execute and approve on behalf of this municipality other instruments a part of or incident to such contracts and amendments, effective until otherwise ordered by the Board of Selectmen..

RESOLVED that the Town of Bethel hereby adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of

Connecticut Public Act -7-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-132, as those statutes may be amended from time to time.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of Resolution - Body by Bethel

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

RESOLVED that Laura L. Vasile, Director of Health, is authorized to make, execute, and approve on behalf of this town, any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health to plan, promote and conduct a moderate intensity aerobic exercise program for twelve (12) weeks in the Fall, 2009 and twelve (12) weeks in the Winter, 2010, for two times per week with a self monitored third class for the residents of Bethel, the program to be named Body by Bethel.

RESOLVED that the Town of Bethel hereby adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act -7-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-132, as those statutes may be amended from time to time.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

5.) Consideration of annual request - Deer Hunt

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the 2009 (January 2010 Archery only) Bethel Controlled Deer Hunt. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

6.) Consideration of request - Greater Danbury Soap Box Derby Association - Clarke Park Roadway

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the request of the Greater Danbury Soap Box Derby Association for their racing event on September 12th and 13th and again on October 3rd and 4th subject to the appropriate insurance and notification to park occupants. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

7.) Consideration of Tax Collector's request for Tax Refund Authorization

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated August 17, 2009 and

authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$5,239.98. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith".

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary