



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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: Alice Hutchinson, Tom Addonizio, David Glahn and J. Philip Gallagher spoke.

Correspondence: various letters from people requesting consideration for appointment.

Minutes of December 15, 2009: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of December 21, 2009: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report:

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that the South Street Firehouse is an agenda item this evening.

First Selectman Knickerbocker spoke briefly regarding the High School Track donation, noting that the check has been received; construction is anticipated to begin in June 2010 and be completed by fall 2010. He also noted that the existing (30 year +) lighting poles will need to be moved and replaced. Replacement lights are anticipated to cost around \$300,000 and the town is actively looking into grant opportunities and lease options.

First Selectman Knickerbocker also spoke regarding the two bridge projects; he noted that the Plumtrees Bridge may go out to bid by the state later this year and the Walnut Hill Bridge, the following year.

He noted that the Teen Center Director and Youth Commission Chairman will be invited to the next regular Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss their needs with the Board of Selectmen.

Discussion took place regarding the High School Project; there are several things left on the punch list. This will be referred over to the High School Building Committee. First Selectman Knickerbocker also noted that there are two lawsuits pending from contractors who worked on the High School Project and this will be discussed with the High School Building Committee as well.

Old Business

New Business

1.) Consideration of recommendation by the Public Site & Building Commission to call the bond provisions for the South Street Fire House project.

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that he has been in contact with the contractor for the South Street Firehouse project as well as the Town Engineer and Assistant Engineer Bill Dwinells. At this time all are working diligently to assure the project is completed to satisfaction and it is anticipated that all will be resolved without the need to call the bond provisions. First Selectman Knickerbocker requested that the Board of Selectmen table this matter until the next meeting.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table this item until the January 19th meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of appointments to various boards and commissions:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table appointments to the Cable Advisory Commission, Ad Hoc Transfer

Station Committee and the Northwest CT Convention Visitors Bureau. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Commission on Aging:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to reappoint Alan Barney (R) and appoint Mary Menti (D) (*position formerly held by James Newell*) to the Commission on Aging. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Selectman Szatkowski abstained. These terms expire on January 6, 2014.

Constables

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to reappoint Richard Straiton (D), Janet Cosgrove (D), and Robert Legnard (R), and to appoint William Duff (R) (*position formerly held by Tom Mason*). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. These terms expire on January 3, 2012.

Economic Development Commission:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to reappoint Charles "Chad" McCollam, Jr. to the Economic Development Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires on January 5, 2015.

Ethics Commission:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to reappoint Rosemarie Gorman (D) and appoint Jenny Tesar (D) (*position formerly held by Raymond Guercio*) and Cathi Richards (D) (*position formerly held by E. O'Malley Smith*). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. These terms expire on January 7, 2013.

Housing Authority:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to reappoint Harold Dalcher (D) to the Housing Authority. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 5, 2015. There is still one vacancy on this board.

Insurance & Pension Commission

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to reappoint Steven Brill (D) and appoint Ken Adams (D) (*position formerly held by Paul Improta*). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. These terms expire on January 6, 2014.

Library Board of Directors

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Jim Forman (D) (*position formerly held by Linda Curtis*), Robin Kahn (D) (*position formerly held by Lorraine Go*), Jane Bickford (D) (*position formerly held by Leslie Mason*) and Trisha Lewis (D) (*position formerly held by Geraldine Mills*). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion carried. These terms expire January 6, 2014.

Parks & Recreation Commission

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Angelo Francese (D) (*position formerly held by Robin Renner*). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. This term expires on January 6, 2014.

Public Utilities Commission

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to reappoint Michael Gribbin (R) and appoint Peter Valenti (D) (*position formerly held by William Michael*). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. These terms expire January 3, 2012.

Youth Commission

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to reappoint Lisa Bergh (D) and appoint Kim Shea (D) (*position formerly held by Kimberly Keough*) and Jane Kraver (D) (*position formerly held by Melisa Pelikan*). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. These terms expire on January 3, 2012.

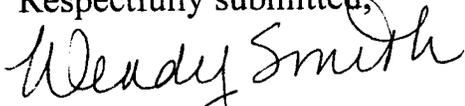
Youth Commission Alternate

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Devin Pedone (D) (*position formerly held by Jane Kraver*). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. This term expires January 3, 2012. There is still one alternate vacancy on this board.

Ad-Hoc Transfer Station – no appointments were made tonight.

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 regular meeting at 8:02 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