



# 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, August 3, 2010 - 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 J. Lawlor.

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

**Public Comments:** Larry Craybas, Dan Sieban, Debbie Burke spoke in support of the practice field request.

**Correspondence:** None that was not already on tonight's agenda.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, Item # 6) Consideration of request from the Bethel High School Track and Field Committee - Control Estimate for project and Item # 7) Consideration of recommendation from Procurement Committee - Bid Award #11-02 Boiler Renovation at R.M.T. Johnson School. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Minutes of July 14, 2010 Special Meeting:** Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Minutes of July 20, 2010 Regular Meeting:** Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Minutes of July 22, 2010 Special Meeting:** 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 noted that the Board of Finance has begun interviewing for the Comptroller position and he anticipates receiving a recommendation(s) from them soon.

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

### **1.) Consideration of request from Parks & Recreation – Practice field in school complex**

Parks & Recreation is requesting the use of an area next to the front field of the High School to create a practice field; the need for field space has risen dramatically with all the various sports teams. The requested area is in the location that had been planned for the (future) relocation of the police station. Eileen Earle, Director of Parks & Recreation assured the Board of Selectmen that this practice field would have no permanent structures and could easily be relinquished in the future for any development purposes, but that in the meanwhile, would provide a relief to the use of the existing fields and provide an opportunity for the many teams to utilize the space for practice.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the request from the Parks & Recreation to establish a temporary 160 ft X 300 foot practice field next to the front field of the High School and forward the request to the Planning & Zoning for consideration and report under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes 8-24 Mandatory Referral. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **2.) Consideration of Tax Collector's request for abatement of taxes for Bethel Housing Authority and Augustana Homes, Inc. – Grant List of October 1, 2009.**

Tax Collector Ann Scacco was present at the meeting and advised that this abatement is required by statute and not to be confused with the abatement which the town can receive (partial) reimbursement through the Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated August 3, 2010 to abate the taxes for Bethel Housing Authority and Augustana Homes Inc. for the Grant List of October 1, 2009 in the amount of \$100,802.96. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### 3.) Consideration of request – Bethel Controlled Deer Hunt

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table this request. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### 4.) Consideration of resolution – Body by Bethel

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, 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, 2010 and twelve (12) weeks in the Winter, 2011, 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 resolution – update to previously adopted resolution – Water Storage Tank

First Selectman Knickerbocker explained that it was necessary to recertify the resolution that was passed (12/6/07) by the previous Board of Selectmen and certified by the Town Clerk which authorized the former First Selectman to enter into a contract with the State Department of Health for a \$500,000 loan to be applied to the earlier grant that was received by the Department of Economic Development

(\$600,000) to construct a water Storage Tank at Eureka Park. The recertification is necessary because of the change in administration.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, that:

*BE IT RESOLVED, that it is in the best interested of the Town of Bethel to enter into contracts with the Department of Public Health.*

*IN FURTHERANCE of this Resolution, Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Bethel. Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the State in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, recisions, and revisions thereto.*

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**6) Consideration of request from the Bethel High School Track and Field Committee - Control Estimate for project.**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Proposed Budget and Expenditures for the Bethel High School Track Replacement and Storage Pavilion Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,191,080.80 as approved and submitted by the Bethel High School Track and Pavilion Committee and set forth in the Control Estimate prepared by Verdi Construction (presented on July 21,2010) subject to receipt of the balance of expected private donations to complete funding for the Project. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**7) Consideration of recommendation from Procurement Committee - Bid Award #11-02 Boiler Renovation at R.M.T. Johnson School.**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to concur with the recommendation of the Procurement Committee and award Bid # 11-02 Boiler Renovation at R.M.T. Johnson School to Connecticut Combustion Corporation for the bid price of \$274,400. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

It was noted that funding for this bid award would come from several sources, a recent Special Town Meeting (6/15/2010) approved the appropriation of \$215,000 and a Special Town Meeting (3/2/2010) accepted a grant in the amount of \$108,609.

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 8:20 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