



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Richard C. Straiton, Selectman
Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, February 3, 2011
3:00 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 Special Meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none

Minutes of January 4, 2011: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes of January 4, 2011 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker complimented the town crew for their efforts with all the snow removal. He noted that there were numerous breakdowns with the equipment. He advised that since we do not have the equipment nor the manpower, private operators will be contacted to assist with the snow removal process for the very large piles of snow and to help dig out fire hydrants.

Selectman Szatkowski offered that the Ad-Hoc Transfer Station Committee will submit a formal report to the Board of Selectmen for the next meeting.

Selectman Straiton advised that due to our recent weather, volunteer work parties had been canceled. He anticipates, weather permitting, starting up again soon.

Old Business

New Business

1.) Consideration of establishing Special Town Meeting date for Dodgingtown Road Land Donation and Old Hawleyville Road Land Donation:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to establish the date of Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the CJH Municipal Center, Meeting Room “A” for the Special Town Meeting on the Dodgingtown Road Land Donation and Old Hawleyville Road Land Donation. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of appointments – various town boards and commissions:

Commission on Aging:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Juanita Ann Cumming (D) to fill the position previously held by Mary O’Leary. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This appointment expires on January 5, 2015.

Board of Education:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Kristen Lacey (I) to the vacancy on the Board of Education (created by the resignation of Cynthia McCorkindale (I). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This appointment is subject to the municipal election of November 2011 and expires on December 5, 2011.

Selectman Szatkowski requested that the Selectmen hold off on the appointment of Scott Clayton until the Republican Town Committee has an opportunity to vote on this recommendation. No appointment was made to the vacancy created by the resignation of Kristine Harrison.

Economic Development Commission:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Michael Boyle (U) to the Economic Development Commission. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. This replaces the expired term of Charles Steck and expires on January 4, 2016

There is another vacant position on the Economic Development Commission; no appointment was made tonight to fill the vacant position caused by the resignation of Charles McCollam, Jr.

Ethics Commission:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to re-appoint Louis Godkin (R) to the Ethics Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This appointment expires January 6, 2014.

Housing Authority:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to re-appoint Timothy Beeble (R) to the Housing Authority. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This appointment expires January 6, 2014.

Insurance & Pension Commission:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to re-appoint Debra Moss (D) to the Insurance and Pension Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This appointment expires January 5, 2015.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to re-appoint Edward Tomasko to the Insurance and Pension Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This appointment expires on January 4, 2016.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint George Braden (R) to the Insurance and Pension Commission.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to appoint Paul Improta (R) to the Insurance and Pension Commission.

Voting in favor of Paul Improta. Selectman Szatkowski. Voting against the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Motion fails.

Voting in favor of George Braden: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Voting against the motion: Selectman Szatkowski. Motion passed. This fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Frank Sutton and expires on January 5, 2015.

Public Site & Building Commission:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to re-appoint Anthony Giordano (R) to the Public Site & Building Committee.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This appointment expires January 5, 2015.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to re-appoint Joseph Scott Perry (R) to the Public Site & Building Committee. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This appointment expires January 5, 2015.

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted there is another expired term position on this board. Appointment will be considered at an upcoming meeting.

Youth Commission:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Marie Muthersbaugh.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to re-appoint Robert Korin (U) to the Youth Commission.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to rescind their previous motions and table appointments to the Youth Commission until the next meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Youth Commission Alternate:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to re-appoint Kristin Nauheimer (R) to the Youth Commission (Alternate). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of recommendation to Board of Finance – Capital Budget:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to table this item. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Capital items will be considered during the budgeting process.

4.) Consideration of 2011 Bennett Memorial Rental Fee Schedule:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adopt the fee schedule as proposed:

Weekday Rental	M-F	\$ 75.00	Bethel Residents
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$100.00	Bethel Residents (large groups over 125)

Weekday Rental	M-F	\$150.00	non resident
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$200.00	non resident (large groups over 125) *
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$ 35.00	(SCOUTS ONLY)
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$125.00	Bethel Residents
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$150.00	Bethel residents (large groups over 125) *
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$250.00	non residents
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$300.00	non residents (large groups over 125) *

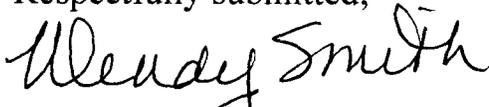
Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

5.) Consideration of Retirement Plan - Classified Service Employees – RFP

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the draft of the Request for Proposals (RFP) to seek a market provider for a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on today's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 3:47 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary