



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, July 15, 2014
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 Lawlor.

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

Public Comments: None

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

Minutes of June 3, 2014 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 June 19, 2014 Special Meeting: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to approve the minutes as presented. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Selectman Szatkowski abstained from voting as he was not present at the meeting. Motion passed.

Minutes of June 30, 2014 Special Meeting: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Selectman Szatkowski abstained from voting as he was not present at the meeting. Motion passed.

Minutes of July 7, 2014 Special Meeting: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Selectman Szatkowski abstained from voting as he was not present at the meeting. Motion passed.

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First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker reported that the State DOT will begin milling (drainage work is essentially complete) Route 302, beginning at the Sycamore on through to Route 25 in Newtown in early August.

First Selectman Knickerbocker acknowledged the efforts of Bobbi Jo Beers, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce as well as all the volunteers who worked to make the recent Summerfest a huge success. It was noted that a correction was made to one of the articles in the newspaper which cited the town had contributed \$27,000 to this event; this is not true, the town did not provide any financial support to the event.

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the highway department is undertaking aggressive measures to complete the drainage work for road construction activities. He noted that the proposed list of roadways is on the town website but cautioned that until the budget is approved, the list is subject to change.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was then withdrawn, to place Personnel – Executive Session on the agenda.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, Item # 3 – Consideration of formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Old Business

- 1.) Consideration of establishing date for Special Town Meeting, subject to Board of Finance approval – acceptance of land donation – Habitat for Humanity property on Turkey Plain Road**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to establish a Special Town Meeting date of Tuesday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the CJH Municipal Center, Meeting Room “A” – subject to Board of Finance approval. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

New Business

- 1.) Consideration of resolution – Connecticut State Library - a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.**

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that this is an annual grant which allows the Town Clerk's Office to preserve older town records. They are applying for \$5,000.

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

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RESOLVED, That Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of recommendation from Procurement Committee – Bid Award #14-1 Municipal Center Stairs and Sidewalk Repair & Replacement

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to accept the Procurement Committee's recommendation and award Bid # 14-1 Municipal Center Stairs and Sidewalk Repair & Replacement to T.D. & Sons in the amount of \$548,310. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker remarked that there are additional funds in the grant monies which perhaps, can be redirected to other sidewalk or road projects.

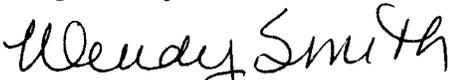
3.) Consideration of the formation of an Ad-Hoc Transfer Station Committee

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to solicit volunteers to serve on a 5 member Ad-Hoc Transfer Station Committee. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As the transfer station continues to run a deficit, the Public Utilities Commission has recommended that a committee be formed to review all aspects of the Transfer Station Committee, even privatization.

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 meeting at 7:48 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary