



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 5, 2014
7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin Lawlor.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: Selectman Straiton 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 July 15, 2014: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: Selectman Straiton reported on the state project to repave Route 302 from Greenwood Avenue into Newtown. State crews are milling the roadway overnight and paving is anticipated to commence, during the daytime, on August 11, 2014.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business # 6) Appointment of Special Counsel – Bethel Health Department Appeal. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

New Business

1.) Consideration of Board of Education request – recommendation to the Board of Finance for authorization of funds/approval of project – parking lot and sidewalk at Berry School and ADA compliance for routes to athletic fields.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the funding and approval of project for the parking lot and sidewalk at Berry School, said funding to come from the Highway Department – Road Construction Account in the amount of \$30,000. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve and refer to the Board of Finance for financing the amount of \$35,335 for the continuation of the ADA compliance for routes to athletic fields, said funding recommended to come from the capital non-recurring account. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of disbanding the Ad-Hoc Library Building committee

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to table disbanding of the Ad-Hoc Library Building Committee and request the Comptroller to prepare a final accounting of the Library Building project. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of appointment – Inland Wetland Commission alternate

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Lou David (D) to the vacancy on the Inland Wetland Commission Alternate position. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of Tax Collector’s request for Tax abatement and refunds

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Tax Collector’s request, dated August 5, 2014 and authorize refunds in the amount of \$3,679.19. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Tax Collector’s request, dated August 5, 2014 and authorize the abatement of taxes for the Bethel Housing Authority and Augustana Homes Inc. for the Grand List of October 1, 2013 in the amount of \$170,625.16. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

5.) Consideration of Ordinance – Western Connecticut Council of Governments and establish Public Hearing date

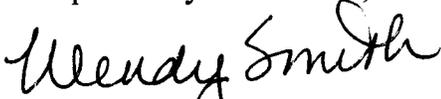
Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to establish a Public Hearing date of Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room “A” of the CJH Municipal Center. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

6.) Consideration of Appointment of Special Counsel - Bethel Health Department Appeal

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Nicholas W. Vitti, Jr. of Cacace, Tusch & Santagata as special town counsel for the Bethel Health Department in a matter appealed by Ann Lathrop to the Connecticut Department of Health. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight’s agenda, Selectman Szatkowski 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