



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 19, 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: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept for the record, the disclosure letter from James Lacey, dated August 19, 2014.

Minutes of August 5, 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 Knickerbocker abstained from voting as he was not present at the meeting.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight’s agenda, under New Business, # 5, Consideration of request from the Greater Danbury Soapbox Derby Association – use of Clarke Business Park roadways. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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First Selectman Report – First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that paving projects continue on Judd Avenue, drainage is complete and the road has been narrowed to solve some safety issues and the bus turning radius has been improved. He thanked all involved with the Community Market which recently ended for the 4th season. Selectman Straiton noted that the State DOT was complimentary to the town public works crews that assisted with the recent milling and re-paving of Route 302.

New Business:

1.) Consideration of Public Site & Building Committee – presentation of the police station project

Members of the Public Site & Building Committee and Police Commission were present along with Brian Humes of Jacunski & Humes Architects and Charlie Van Zanten of Hawley Construction. They presented the proposed Police Station Project, a 26,600 square foot facility on property located in the school complex. Access to the site would be from Judd Avenue with an emergency only drive off of Milwaukee Avenue. The layout of the two story building would allow for one floor housing the public needs and the lower level would house the officer and police related items, including the prisoner cells and shooting range. Project cost is estimated at \$13,800,000. Architects offered that this is a turn-key facility, noting that energy grants are available through various sources, and they were comfortable with the price estimates – tests borings of the site were performed so the soils look good. In designing the project, they looked at the growth potential of the town and how that equates to police operations and felt that this station is designed for now and for the future.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to table the project and schedule a Public Information Session in September at the Bethel High School. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to create an Ad-Hoc Study Group to explore the options for the existing police station building. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of establishing a Special Town Meeting date for Habitat for Humanity land donation and additional appropriation for the purchase of replacement vehicle 55BL.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to establish a Special Town Meeting date of Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00

p.m. in Meeting Room “A” of the CJH Municipal Center. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of balloting format for Charter Revision recommendations

Discussion took place regarding the ballots, whether two sheets of paper would work in the machine, i.e. one with election questions and one with charter questions. The registrars and town clerk will be consulted to find out what they recommend for the format of the charter questions.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to table and hold a Special Meeting next week. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of Stipulated Settlement on Eureka Water Tank (Executive Session anticipated)

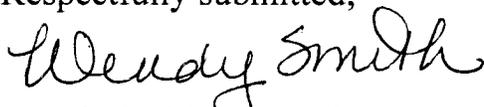
First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the stipulated settlement on the Eureka Water Tank with the City of Danbury. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

5.) Consideration of request from Greater Danbury Soap Box Derby Association

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the request of the Greater Danbury Soap Box Derby Association to hold their race events on October 4th & 5th (Rain date October 18th & 19th) subject to the completed facilities use form, appropriate liability insurance and notification to the Bethel Police Department and Clarke Business Park occupants. 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 9:05 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary