



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street
Bethel, Connecticut 06801 Telephone: (203) 794-8501

Dan Carter, First Selectman
Bryan Terzian, Selectman
Richard C. Straiton, Selectman

RECEIVED
2024 JUL - 3 P 2: 35
TOWN CLERK
BETHEL, CT.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT Meeting Room A

Present: First Selectman: Dan Carter, Selectman Bryan Terzian, Selectman Rich Straiton
Also present, Town Counsel: Melanie O'Brien, Director of Public Works: Eric Swenson, Chief of Police: Steve Pagner, Board of Finance chair: Nick Ellis, and Land Use & Conservation Counsel: Attorney Peter Olson

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by First Selectman Carter.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: resignation letter from Board of Education member

Approval of minutes:

Consideration of approval of Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes from June 18, 2024:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on 6/18/2024 as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Reports:

First Selectman's Report:

- Bethel Congregate Corporation will be under the Bethel Housing Authority
- The First Selectman wants to work on ordinances and may need to bring in outside counsel to do so. Suggestion made to send out RFPs.
- Update on well issues
- Update on vacancies on boards/commissions
- HRRRA is looking into purchasing waste drop boxes for food waste

Update from the Director of Public Works on Sidewalk Improvement Projects:

Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, stated there are currently three sidewalk projects, which are fully funded by grants for the construction only. He reviewed the process for the projects.

Old Business:

Consideration of Town Hall Energy Management Controls in the amount of \$23,000. :

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance, that \$23,000. be used from CNR for the Town Hall Energy Management Controls. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of easement for 42 Plumtrees Road:

Town Counsel O'Brien gave an overview of the request for an electric distribution easement for 42 Plumtrees Road. Attorney Olson, representing the applicant stated right now, there is no power at the site and the plan is to move a pole from State owned land to Town owned land.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the map depicting the easement area to be granted to CL&P Company and Eversource Energy for K&P Associates dated June 12, 2024 for electric distribution for 42 Plumtrees Road. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, for the Town of Bethel to grant two easements on the map previously accepted, contingent upon receiving title work, a written 8-24 report, and Town Counsel approval. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to authorize Daniel E. Carter, as First Selectman of the Town of Bethel, to execute, subject to Town Counsel review, the electrical easements, Y1 and Y2, on the map dated June 12, 2024 on behalf of the Town of Bethel. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

New Business:

Consideration of approval of Fuel Pumps System Hardware and Software Upgrade in the amount of \$14,111. :

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance that \$14,111. be used from CNR for the Fuel Pumps System Hardware and Software Upgrade at the Highway garage. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval for the Berry School Underground Storage Tank (UST) Removal. Quote plus 5% contingency is \$48,000.:

First Selectman Carter opened this agenda item for discussion. Discussion ensued. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance, an amount of \$48,000. from CNR for the Berry School Underground Tank removal. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of Town Irrigation Policy:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table this agenda item. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of project assignments to the Public Site and Building Commission:

First Selectman Carter discussed how best to keep the HVAC project on track and moving forward. Public Site and Building Commission may have to meet more frequently to get change orders approved. Discussion ensued.

Consideration of Hometown Hero Banner Program:

The Town of Bethel has been approached to do a Hometown Hero Banner Program which is a fundraiser for the Bethel Patriotic Association, which is part of the American Legion. If approved, the banners would be on School Street. A person would purchase the 3-foot banner from the Bethel Patriotic Association for a veteran who lives or lived in Bethel and they would be hung on the lampposts between Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve starting the Hometown Hero Banner program with the Bethel Patriotic Association, contingent upon P/Z Commission approval and Board of Selectmen final approval. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of renewal of Chief of Police's contract. Executive Session Anticipated:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, for the Board of Selectmen to enter into Executive Session for consideration of a personnel matter in regard to the Chief of Police's contract which is allowed under CT § Section 200, 6A. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries. Invited into the Executive Session at 7:50pm, were: Town Counsel O'Brien, Chief of Police: Steve Pugner, and Mary Churchill.

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to leave Executive Session at 7:59pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the Police Chief's contract with one change. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary