



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street  
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*Dan Carter, First Selectman*  
*Bryan Terzian, Selectman*  
*Richard C. Straiton, Selectman*

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:00 pm – Hybrid Meeting  
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT Meeting Room A  
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**Present:** First Selectman: Dan Carter and Selectman Bryan Terzian  
Also present, Town Counsel: Melanie O'Brien and Tax Collector: Paula Usher

**Absent:** Selectman Rich Straiton

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by First Selectman Carter

**Public Comments:** None

**Correspondence:** None

### Approval of minutes:

**Consideration of approval of Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes from August 20, 2024:**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on 8/20/2024 as written. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

### Reports:

#### First Selectman's Report:

- Work will be starting on the tennis courts on 9/4/2024.
- FEMA is scheduled to be in-town on 9/4/2024 to look at personal property damage from the storm on 8/18/2024.
- Increase in Eversource rates will be effecting the Town's budget, also
- Regarding the scoreboards for the schools, fundraising efforts are in place
- The Town has had one positive mosquito case of West Nile Virus

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**Old Business:**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to appoint James Hancock to the Board of Finance to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Bobbi Jo Beers. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to appoint Jeffrey DeRosa as a Planning and Zoning Alternate to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Diane Ryan. Discussion ensued. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to add to the agenda, consideration of a new ordinance authorizing the Board of Selectmen to determine if the death of any uniformed paid or volunteer firefighter, police officer, or emergency medical service personnel caused by a cardiac event, stroke, or pulmonary embolism that occurred not later than twenty-four hours after such personnel concluded a shift or training, died in the line of duty. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

**Consideration of a new ordinance authorizing the Board of Selectmen to determine if the death of any uniformed paid or volunteer firefighter, police officer, or emergency medical service personnel caused by a cardiac event, stroke, or pulmonary embolism that occurred not later than twenty-four hours after such personnel concluded a shift or training, died in the line of duty:**

First Selectman Carter opened the agenda item by giving an overview of Public Act No. 24-16: AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORITY TO DECLARE THAT A FIREFIGHTER, POLICE OFFICER OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. Discussion ensued.

Proposed ordinance:

Title:

*Authorization of a declaration of a firefighter, police officer, or emergency medical service personnel died in the line of duty*

First Selectman Carter read the following into the record:

*Chapter 115*

*§115-1 Definitions:*

*POLICE OFFICER*

*Shall have the same meanings as provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes.*

*EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL*

*Shall have the same meanings as defined in section 19a-175 of the general statutes*

*§115-2 Consideration of a new ordinance authorizing the Board of Selectmen to determine if the death of any uniformed paid or volunteer firefighter, police officer, or emergency medical service personnel caused by a cardiac event, stroke, or pulmonary embolism that occurred not later than twenty-four hours after such personnel concluded a shift or training, died in the line of duty. Such declaration by the Board of Selectmen is not evidence for a workers' compensation claim under Chapter 568 of the general statutes.*

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the language as stated for the publication of the ordinance approval process. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to schedule the date of the Public Hearing for the discussion of a new ordinance, Chapter 115, Authorization to Declare Line of Duty Deaths, for September 17, 2024 at 6:30pm in Meeting Room A of the Municipal Center. Discussion ensued. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

**New Business:**

**Consideration of abatement of taxes for the Bethel Housing Authority and Bethel Congregate Corporation, for the Grand List of October 1, 2023, in the amount of \$232,064.00:**

Tax Collector, Paula Usher, gave an overview of the request. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to authorize the abatement of taxes for the Bethel Housing Authority and Bethel Congregate Corporation, for the Grand List of October 1, 2023, in the amount of \$232,064.00. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

**Consideration of reallocation of ARPA funds for turf equipment to repair the turf field in the amount of \$8,500.**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve \$8500. of ARPA funds for turf repair of the Middle School turf field. Discussion ensued. First Selectman Carter amended his motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve an amount up to but not exceeding \$8500. of ARPA funds for turf repair of the Middle School turf field. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

**Consideration of approval of up to \$20,000. from ARPA funds for scoreboards:**

First Selectman Carter gave an overview of the request. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve up to, but not to exceed \$20,000. of ARPA funds for the scoreboards. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by First Selectman Carter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill  
Recording Secretary