BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 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 Rich Straiton
Also present, Town Counsel: Melanie O'Brien

Absent: Selectman Bryan Terzian

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 September 3, 2024:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table the approval of the minutes from the 9/3/2024 meeting pending a quorum of members at that meeting. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Reports:

First Selectman's Report:

- License Plate Reader had been installed, now it's hooked up and running
- Regarding an agenda item (an ordinance re: in the line of duty death) from the 9/3/2024 Board of Selectmen meeting, the public Hearing has been canceled because we won't make the deadline.
- We've not gotten a Disaster Declaration yet from the flooding on 8/18/2024
- The First Selectman attended a School Special Education Task Force meeting. Concerned about special education funding.
- The First Selectman is attending a "Live Burn" with the fire departments tomorrow.
- Next Legislative Session is coming up

- Planning and Zoning and Public Works departments have been out looking at a lot of places that had flooding

New Business:

Consideration of approval of tax refunds in the amount of $6,548.82 due to the overpayment of taxes:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve tax refunds in the amount of $6,548.82 due to the overpayment of taxes. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of the Procurement Committee recommendation re: the road sand bid:

First Selectman Carter gave an overview of the bids for road sand. Discussion ensued. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to award bid #2025-001:Sand to Stone Construction Co., Inc as proposed by the Procurement Committee Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of a temporary appointment to the Public Site & Building Commission to represent the Board of Education in regard to the school HVAC project:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint David Resendes to the Public Site and Building Commission as a temporary member to represent the Board of Education during consideration of the school HVAC project. The term will expire upon the termination of the project by the Board of Selectmen. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval for the Early Voting Grant Agreement:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept and approve the Early Voting Grant Agreement. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to allow Dan Carter, as First Selectman of Bethel, the ability to execute the grant. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of scheduling a Special Town Meeting for various items on October 1, 2024:

First Selectman Carter reviewed the items that have been approved by the Board of Selectmen to a Special Town Meeting. Discussion ensued. The proposed changes to transfer station fees should go to a Public Hearing, not a Special Town Meeting so that has been deleted from the list of items for a Special Town Meeting. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to schedule a Special Town Meeting for the following items:

- *Waiving property tax due in an amount of less than five dollars in accordance with CT General Statute §12-144c (voted on and approved at BOS RM on 7.16.2024)*
- *Acceptance of Economic Development as a distinct department within the Town of Bethel (voted on and approved at BOS RM on 7.16.2024)*
- *Acceptance of Department of Public Utility as a distinct department within the Town of Bethel (voted on and approved at BOS RM on 7.16.2024)*
- *Acceptance of Information Technology as a distinct department within the Town of Bethel (voted on and approved at BOS RM on 7.16.2024)*

- *Acceptance of lease renewal with the YMCA for five years at the current rate of $2,784.00/month. (voted on and approved at BOS RM on 7.16.2024)*

on October 1, 2024 at 6:30pm in Meeting Room A of the Municipal Center. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Churchill

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Recording Secretary