BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Dan Carter, First Selectman
Bryan Terzian, Selectman
Penny Kessler, Selectman

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 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, and Selectman Penny Kessler. Town Counsel, Melanie O'Brien and Stony Hill Fire Chief, Doug Evanuska were present. Joining via Google Meet was Board of Finance chair, Pat Cosentino.

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Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence:

1. Email received from Bill Monti
2. Letter received from the board members of Chestnut Hill Village

Approval of minutes:

Consideration of approval of Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes from January 20, 2026:

Motion made by Selectman Kessler, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 20, 2026, as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of Board of Selectmen Special Meeting minutes from January 28, 2026:

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Kessler, to approve the special meeting minutes from January 28, 2026, as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Reports:

First Selectman's Report:

- We are moving along with LOCIP 1 funding for sidewalks on several streets.
- We are working on a grant for a Senior bus.

Old Business:

Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Cable Advisory Council:

First Selectman Carter gave an overview of the Cable Advisory Council and the need to appoint members to it. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to appoint Raymond Jackson to the Cable Advisory Council. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

New Business:

Consideration of changing the number of members on the Ad Hoc Bethel Film Committee from seven to nine:

First Selectman Carter stated that a request was made by the Bethel Film Committee to increase the number of members from "up to 7" members to "up to 9 members." Discussion ensued. Motion made by Selectman Kessler, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to increase the number of Bethel Film Committee members to nine. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.
Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to appoint Kevin McCloskey and Jacob Sabbagh to the Bethel Film Committee. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval for a snow plow for the Stony Hill Fire Department Utility Vehicle:

SHFD Chief Doug Evanuska, stated that currently, members of the department are using their personal vehicles to plow an unplowed driveway for an ambulance call, etc. The Town plows help but there are instances when timing is critical. The request is to add a plow to the utility vehicle. Discussion ensued. Suggestion made to take the plow off the former Highway Superintendent's truck and use that on the Fire Department's utility vehicle. The Chief will look into it. No vote needed or taken.

Discussion of 159 Greenwood Avenue Executive Session Anticipated

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to enter Executive Session at 7:27pm and invite in Town Counsel Melanie O'Brien, Recording Secretary Mary Churchill, and Board of Finance chair, Pat Cosentino. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.
Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to exit Executive Session at 7:45pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Kessler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Churchill

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Recording Secretary