

from MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING of THE BOARD of SELECTMAN
DATED APRIL 2, 2024


New Business:

Consideration of delegation of authority to the First Selectman for approval of legal counsel to the Planning and Zoning and Inland Wetlands Commissions:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to delegate authority to the First Selectman for approval of legal counsel for the Planning and Zoning and Inland Wetlands Commissions upon the recommendation of Town Counsel and with subsequent notification to the Board of Selectmen. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of Benedict Road easements:

Town Counsel, Melanie O'Brien, gave an overview of this item. A small piece of Benedict Road encroaches on private party. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the conveyance to the Town of Bethel that portion of property on Benedict Road as shown on the survey depicting Parcel "Z" to be conveyed for roadway purposes dated September 25, 2023 and filed in the Bethel Land Records at File 28, Map 181, subject to Town Counsel approval of conveyance documentation. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

 **Consideration of formalizing three undocumented sanitary sewer easements, and infrastructure contained therein, in the Stony Hill Road, Old Field Drive, and Millbrook Road area:**

Town Counsel, Melanie O'Brien, gave an overview of this item. . Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve, subject to Public Utilities Commission approval, sanitary sewer easements as shown on survey depicting sanitary sewer easements A,B, and C dated January 26, 2024, and to authorize Town Counsel to prepare the appropriate and customary documentation for this purpose. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of Field Maintenance Account for Park and Recreation:

Parks and Recreation Director, Rachael McGrath explained the request for a separate account. A \$25.00 player fee has been added for all groups that utilize the Bethel athletic fields. Of the \$25.00, \$10.00 would be put in the Turf Replacement Fund account, which has already been established, and \$15.00 would be put in the Field Maintenance account, if approved. The Field Maintenance account would be for unplanned expenses that were not in the budget. Discussion ensued. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to create a Field Maintenance account for Parks and Recreation and the fees and approval are subject to the Board of Finance approval. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration to allow the First Selectman to do any due diligence required to secure an offer for 159 Greenwood Avenue:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to allow the First Selectman to secure a broker and do any due diligence with regard to the purchase of 159 Greenwood Avenue. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

The full Board agreed to delay the Executive Session until the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

