

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

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TOWN CLERK
BETHEL, CT

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT Meeting Room A
Video/ Teleconference video link: <https://zoom.us/j/7360902790>

Present: First Selectman: Dan Carter, Selectman Bryan Terzian, Selectman Straiton
Also present, Town Counsel: Melanie O'Brien

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

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Consideration of approval of Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes from December 19, 2023:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes from 12/19/2023 as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint to the **Commission on Aging:**

Jeanne Quinn appointed to fill the vacancy created by Justin Lewis to a term expiring on 1/4/2027

Diane Golden appointed to fill the seat formerly held by Jeanne Quinn for a full term that expires on 1/3/2028

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint as **Constable:**

Janet Cosgrove reappointed for to full term expiring on 12/2/2025

Chris McCollam reappointed for to full term expiring on 12/2/2025

William Duff reappointed to full term expiring on 12/2/2025

Andrew Matturro appointed to full term expiring on 12/2/2025

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve appointments to the Economic Development Commission. Discussion ensued. First Selectman Carter amended his motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table the appointments for the Economic Development Commission until the BOS meeting on 1/16/2024. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to appoint to the **Ethics Commission:**

James Muthersbaugh reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/4/2027

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to appoint to the **Board of Fire Commission:**

Anthony Rubino appointed to full term expiring on 12/6/2027

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint to the **Housing Authority:**

Janet Cosgrove reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/1/2029

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint to the **Inland Wetlands Commission Alternate:**

Patrick Perrefort appointed to fill the vacancy created by Danielle Monroe to a term expiring on 12/1/2025

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to appoint to the **Library Board:**

Robin Grubard reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028.

Terry Rotella reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028.

Julia Douglas to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028.

Kristin Fedders to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint to the **Parks and Recreation Commission:**

Greg Henry reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028

Todd Smith appointed to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028

Michael Moore reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint to the **Public Site & Building Commission:**

Jon Menti reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028

Roy Steiner reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint to the **Public Utilities Commission:**

Deno Gualtieri reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028

Peter Valenti reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/3/2028

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint to the **Sustainable Bethel Ad-Hoc Commission:**

Dana Dessereaux appointed to the commission for a term TBD.

Kelly Coladarci appointed to the commission for a term TBD

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint to the **Youth Commission:**

Thomas Borysiewicz reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/5/2026

Meghan O'Connor reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/5/2026

The other vacancy will be filled upon the receipt of a resignation letter by a current member.

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint to the **Youth Commission Student Ex Officio:**

Julia Macomber appointed to serve a term of two years expiring on 1/5/2026

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint to the **Youth Commission Alternate:**

Kelly Clark Paredes reappointed to a full term expiring on 1/5/2026

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of purchase of commercial refrigerator in the amount of \$1959.00 for the Senior Center to come from ARPA funds:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to purchase a commercial refrigerator in the amount of \$1959. for the Senior Center to come from ARPA funds.

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of a certified Municipal Resolution for the Community Challenge Grant from the Department of Economic Community Development:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to open the topic for discussion. Discussion ensued regarding what the vision is for the money in regards to infrastructure, etc. The resolution is just the first step of the process. First Selectman Carter read the resolution into the record:

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 79-607

(State Statutory Reference)

the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial

assistance for economic development projects; and WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest

that the Town of Bethel *make an application to the State for*

(Applicant)

\$ 4.5 million dollars in order to undertake the

9-11 Diamond Avenue Project

(Name and Phase of Project)

and to execute an Assistance

Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

Board of Selectmen

(Governing Body)

1. *That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by*

PA 79-607

(State Statutory Reference)

2. *That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Bethel*

(Applicant)

in an amount not to exceed \$ 4.5 million dollars *is hereby approved and that*

Daniel E. Carter, First Selectman of the Town of Bethel

(Title and Name of Authorized Official)

is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement

with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Bethel

(Name of Applicant)

Said Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut, if offered, Sub-Applicant Agreement, and other agreements, forms, and documents related thereto as may be necessary to qualify for and execute said financial assistance, shall be subject to the acceptance of the Applicant, the Sub-Applicant, approval of their respective legal counsel, and delivery to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development.

Motion made by Selectman Straiton, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the resolution as read. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of setting a date for the Annual Town Budget Meeting for April 4, 2024:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to set the date for the Annual Town Budget Meeting for April 4, 2024. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of modification of Sustainable Bethel Commission term lengths:

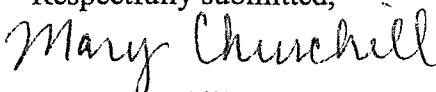
Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to open this topic for discussion. Discussion ensued about the length and staggering of terms for this Ad-Hoc Commission. There was a consensus among the Board of Selectmen to table this discussion until the next BOS meeting on 1/16/2024.

Consideration of using \$10,000. from ARPA for the development of a strategic plan for Bethel:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to use \$10,000. from ARPA funds for the development of a strategic plan for Bethel. Looking to get community leaders together to see what is important to them for Bethel. Perhaps have a live session and send out a survey. Discussion ensued. There was a request for more information before approving the funds. Motion was withdrawn by First Selectman Carter and the discussion was tabled until the next BOS meeting on 1/16/2024.

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary