



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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 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>
One tap mobile: 1.646.558.8656, 7360902790# US (New York)
Materials can be viewed at: <https://www.bethel-ct.gov/Zoom-Documents>

Present: First Selectman: Dan Carter and Selectman Rich Straiton
Also present: Town Counsel Martin Lawlor (via Zoom)

Absent: Selectman Bryan Terzian

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

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to change the wording of the last item on the agenda from "Christmas tree" to "Holiday tree." Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to the agenda consideration of installation of new mini-splits for the IT Server Room. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

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

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as written. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

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Consideration of appointment to the Bethel Housing Authority:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the appointment of Gary Rosato to the Bethel Housing Authority as recommended by the Democratic Town Committee. Discussion ensued. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of sale of Engine #11:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the sale of Engine #11 in the amount of \$1500. to the interested party. Discussion ensued. First Selectman Carter amended his motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the sale of Engine #11 for \$1500. to the interested party contingent upon the approval of the contract by Town Counsel. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of acceptance of a donation from Hollandia of a Holiday tree for the Municipal Center lawn:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept a donation from Hollandia Nurseries of a Holiday tree. Selectman Straiton stated Hollandia offered to donate an 8,10-, or 12-foot Norwegian Spruce tree and plant it on the Municipal Center lawn. The tree lighting would take place here which would make it safer for all. The chairman and a board member of the Chamber of Commerce were present and supported the idea. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of installation of new mini-splits for the IT Server Room:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the installation of new mini-splits for the IT Server Room in the amount of \$40,000 to be taken from the CNR fund.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to recess the meeting at 7:15pm to give Public Works Director, Eric Swenson, an opportunity to join the meeting remotely. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

First Selectman Carter called the meeting back in session at 7:19pm.

Eric Swenson discussed the three bids received which were roughly around the same amount. Discussion ensued. Questions arose as to the price of the electrical work and whether or not it was incorporated into the bids. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to lay this on the table until such time when more information is available. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Selectman Straiton, and seconded by First Selectman Carter, to adjourn at 7:37pm. Vote, both in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary