



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 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 Rich Straiton
Also present: Town Counsel Melanie O’Brien, Parks and Recreation Director Rachael McGrath, Jen Variale Director of Finance and Business Operation for the Bethel Public Schools, SHFD Chief John Baker and Fire Commission Chairman Fred Ingram. Director of Public Works Eric Swenson and Superintendent of the Bethel Public Schools Dr. Christine Carver attended via Google Meet.

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 November 19, 2024:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the minutes from 11/19/2024, as written. Vote: First Selectman Carter abstained; the other two votes were in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business:

Consideration of approval of funds, from CNR or ARPA funds, for flooring replacement in the Municipal Center:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table this item until the discussion of consideration of remaining ARPA funds. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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New Business:

Consideration of approval of the transfer station fees:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the fees as presented at the Public Hearing that was held at 6:30pm this evening. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of the Board of Selectmen 2025 Meeting Schedule:

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule for the Board of Selectmen as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of ARPA funds for Safety and Security Upgrades and Repairs for schools:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve \$75,796.00. from ARPA funds for the following safety and security upgrades and repairs at the schools:

- Security Camera Upgrades including, BHS Parking lots, Gym doors and Track House; and Johnson Stairwell
- Security - Badge Reader Upgrades for doors at BHS, BMS, JS, Berry and IT System Integration
- Security Upgrade - Walkie Talkie repeaters at BHS
- Security Upgrade - Install strobe and speaker in Johnson Kitchen

Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of remaining ARPA funds:

Discussion took place regarding various requests for the use of the ARPA funds. Decisions were made on the following:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve an additional \$12,019, for a total of \$87,815., from ARPA funds for the Board of Education's request:

Circle of Friends Playground resurface and Berry Playground Safety Repairs

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve ARPA funds in the amount of \$24,800. for the tree removal and stump grinding at the Tennis Courts. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve an amount up to but not to exceed \$35,000. from ARPA for repairs/replacement of carpeting in the Finance section of the building and the Building Department/Planning and Zoning Department. Vote: Selectman Straiton opposed, and the other two votes were in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Selectman Straiton, and seconded by First Selectman Carter, to recommend to the Board of Finance that \$15,075. be taken from the CNR account to cover the following repairs at the schools:

BMS HVAC Hot Water Supply Leak 1st Floor Hallway

BHS Repair Elevator Fire Stage 1 and Stage 2 Firefighter Switches for compliance with safety standards

Berry Generator Repair

Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of a bid waiver for construction at Parloa Park:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the bid waiver for construction at Parloa Park. Discussion ensued. Park and Recreation Director, Rachael McGrath answered questions from the Board. Gordian is a known contractor with a state contract rate. There is also an urgency to this project. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of Master Municipal Agreement for Right of Way Projects for the CT DOT:

First Selectman Carter read the following resolution into the record:

Resolved: That the Town of Bethel is hereby authorized to enter into with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation the Master Municipal Agreement for Rights of Way Projects, and

Resolved: That Daniel E. Carter as First Selectman of the Town of Bethel is authorized to execute and deliver the Master Municipal Agreement for Rights of Way Projects on behalf of the Town of Bethel, and

Further Resolved: That the First Selectman is authorized to be the Designated Official for purposes of the Agreement to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such Agreement.

*Adopted By The BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL,
CONNECTICUT, THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.*

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to pass the resolution as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of Fire Commission's request regarding Engine 3:

Discussion took place between the Board, the Fire Commission chair, and SHFD Fire Chief Baker regarding Engine 3. No action was needed at this time.

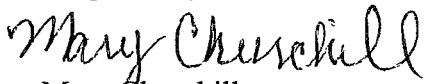
Consideration of approval of Fire Commission's request for the purchase of portable radios for Truck 4 from CNR in the amount of \$16,867.92.:

SHFD Chief Baker explained the request. Discussion ensued. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance that \$16,867.92 be taken from the CNR account for the purchase of two portable radios for Truck 4. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary