



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 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.
Town Counsel Melanie O'Brien was also present.

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by First Selectman Carter

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to add to the agenda:
Consideration of the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Approval of minutes:

Consideration of approval of Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes from January 21, 2025:

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the regular meeting minutes from 1/21/2025, as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes from January 28, 2025:

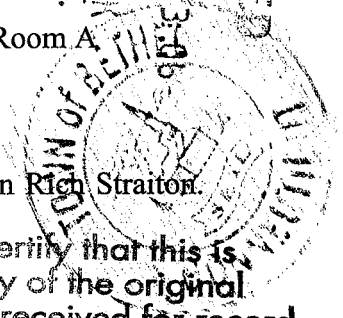
Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the special meeting minutes from 1/28/2025, as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Reports:

First Selectman's Report:

- Currently looking into a request for a fundraiser poker night for a charitable cause
- Working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year

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Old Business:

Consideration of recommendation from the Fire Commission regarding changing tax abatement provisions for firefighters:

Discussion took place regarding: specifics of what the Fire Commission is requesting for the firefighters, the possibility of a stipend vs. a tax abatement, etc. Suggestion made to have the chair of the Fire Commission present at a Board of Selectmen meeting to share his thoughts. Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table the agenda item until more information is received. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to the agenda: Discussion of crosswalks on Greenwood Avenue. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of recommendation of the Procurement Committee for Bid Award #2025-004: Commissioning Services for the BHS HVAC Mechanical Upgrades to Sustainable Engineering Solutions, LLC:

Discussion took place regarding the recommendation of the Procurement Committee to accept a bid for the BHS HVAC project that was not the lowest bidder. Minutes from the Public Site and Building Commission were reviewed in regard to the discussion. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the recommendation of the Procurement Committee and the Public Site and Building Commission for Bid Award #2025-004: Commissioning Services for the BHS HVAC Mechanical Upgrades to Sustainable Engineering Solutions, LLC for Alternate 1 = 26,700. and Alternate 2 = 1,300. for a total of 28,000. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

New Business:

Consideration of recommendation of the Insurance and Pension Commission to appoint Morgan Stanley as the Town of Bethel's Outsourced Chief Investment Office (OCIO) for the Town's retirement accounts:

First Selectman Carter gave an overview of the recommendation and discussion ensued. Motion made by Selectman Straiton, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the recommendation of the Insurance and Pension Commission to appoint Morgan Stanley as the Town of Bethel's Outsourced Chief Investment Office (OCIO) for the Town's retirement accounts. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of appointments to Boards and/or Commissions:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Roger Young to the Public Site and Building Commission for Seat 4 with the term ending 1/1/2029. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint David Olson to the Public Site and Building Commission for Seat 1 with the term ending 1/3/2028. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to authorize Daniel E. Carter, as First Selectman of the Town of Bethel, to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts, and documents necessary to obtain said grant should the Town be selected for a Neglected Cemetery Account Grant award. This grant would be used for Center Cemetery on South Street. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

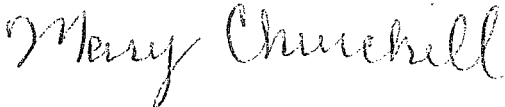
Consideration and discussion of crosswalks on Greenwood Avenue:

Discussion ensued regarding some dangerous crosswalks, such as the one in front of 269 Greenwood Ave., where lights on the crosswalk signs might be beneficial. First Selectman Carter will get a quote from the Director of Public Works for this work. No further action taken at this time.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary