



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman
Richard C. Straiton, Selectman
Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2015
7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin Lawlor.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments: David Glahn

Correspondence: None that was not already on tonight’s agenda.

Minutes of December 9, 2014: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight’s agenda, under New Business, Item # 7 – Consideration of Resolution – Eureka Water Tank. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that he has requested the Public Site & Building Committee to prepare (at least) three scenarios for a revised Police Station project; Selectman Szatkowski offered that the need for a Police Station is not going away and its impact on debt is minimal. First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that an aggressive schedule for the Ameresco Energy project is underway. He was advised that the Solar Farm has reached the last stage of State approvals and that this could possibly see a fall bid. Selectman Straiton advised that he has had the first meeting with architects for the Teen Center project.

Old Business

1.) Consideration of LOSAP

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table this item. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

New Business

1.) Consideration of fee schedule for all town parks

Eileen Earle, Director of Parks & Recreation presented the Board of Selectmen with the proposed Bennett Memorial Park fee schedule, she noted that there would be one cost and it includes the use of the interior room, instead of separate fees for the pavilion/kitchen and the interior room.

Weekday Rental	M-F	\$150.00- Bethel Residents
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$175.00- Bethel Residents (over 125 in attendance)*
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$225.00- non resident
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$275.00- non resident (over 125 in attendance)*
Weekday Rental	M-F	\$50.00- (SCOUTS & BETHEL VETERANS' GROUPS)
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$200.00 – Bethel Residents
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$225.00 – Bethel residents (over 125 in attendance) *
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$325.00 – non residents
Weekend Rental	Sat or Sun	\$375.00 – non residents (over 125 in attendance)*

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adopt the fee schedule for Bennett Memorial Park as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

She presented the Board of Selectmen with the various fee schedules for other facilities as follows:

- \$25 non-refundable fee for Meckauer Park Pavilion
- \$25 (per hour) fee for use of municipal center areas (plus \$200 security)
- \$15 (per hour) fee for use of municipal center areas - Youth groups
- \$75 per day game/\$150 per night game – use of fields by general public or non league affiliated organizations.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to accept the fee schedule as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Mrs. Earle will meet with the Parks & Recreation Commission to prepare a recommendation for Board of Selectmen consideration for the use of field's fees for tournaments/special events by league organizations.

2.) Consideration of acceptance of donation – Bethel Bark Park

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept from Peter Amaral, Owner, Exterior Design Landscaping, the donation of purchased materials and the construction of a chain link fence valued at \$2,750 for a chain link enclosure for the new dog park to be located on the Town of Bethel property known as Meckauer Park and referred to as the Bethel Bark Park. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of establishing 2015 Regular Meeting schedule

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adopt the Regular Meeting Schedule as follows:

Tuesday, February 3 rd	Tuesday, February 17 th
Tuesday, March 3 rd	Tuesday, March 17 th
Tuesday, April 7 th	Tuesday, April 21 st
Tuesday, May 5 th	Tuesday, May 19 th
Tuesday, June 2 nd	Tuesday, June 16 th
Tuesday, July 7 th	Tuesday, July 21 st
Tuesday, August 4 th	Tuesday, August 18 th
Tuesday, September 1 st	Tuesday, September 15 th
Tuesday, October 6 th	Tuesday, October 20 th
Tuesday, November 3 rd	Tuesday, November 17 th
Tuesday, December 1 st	Tuesday, December 15 th
Tuesday, January 5, 2016	Tuesday, January 19, 2016

All meetings will be held in the CJH Municipal Center, Meeting Room “A” at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of establishing date of Annual Town Meeting

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to establish the date of Monday, April 6, 2015 as the Annual Town Meeting date. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

5.) Consideration of Resolution – DPH Grant – Chronic Disease Prevention in the amount of \$3,209 - Contract Log #2015-0051

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, that Laura L. Vasile, Director of Health and in her absence, Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman have been empowered to sign contracts and any of its amendments hereto, on behalf of the Corporation, between the Corporation and the Department of Public Health or its successor agency. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

6.) Consideration of acceptance of Galloping Hill Road as a Town Road

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to accept Galloping Hill Road as a Town Road as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission, subject to final approval of the conditions imposed by the Public Works Director, all work to be completed and approved by the Public Works Director by January 31, 2015. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

7.) Consideration of Resolution – Eureka Tank

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, that:

WHEREAS, at the Town of Bethel, CT Board of Selectmen meeting of November 12, 2014, the Bethel Board of Selectmen through resolution scheduled a Bethel Town Meeting for December 2, 2014 for the approval of an appropriation not to exceed the sum of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand (\$2,400,000.00) Dollars sum which includes a One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars contingency for funding the construction of the “Eureka Lake Water Storage Tank” to be located at 37 Long Ridge Road, Danbury, CT;

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Bethel, CT requires all capital appropriations in excess of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars be approved by a Town wide machine vote;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Board of Selectmen by resolution of November 12, 2014 removed from the call of the December 2, 2014 Bethel Town Meeting the appropriation of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand (\$2,400,000.00) Dollars for funding the construction of the “Eureka Lake Water Storage Tank” to a Town wide machine vote;

WHEREAS, at the December 2, 2014 Bethel Town Meeting, the Town body set the date of December 9, 2014 for the Town wide machine vote for the appropriation of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand (\$2,400,000.00) Dollars for funding the construction of the “Eureka Lake Water Storage Tank”;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Town body at the December 9, 2014 Town wide machine vote approved the appropriation of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand (\$2,400,000.00) Dollars for funding the construction of the “Eureka Lake Water Storage Tank”;

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethel, Connecticut, is desirous to make application to the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, or other such State agency, for loans and/or grants for funding to achieve the construction of the “Eureka Lake Water Storage Tank”.

NOW THEREFORE, Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman of the Town of Bethel, CT or his designee, is duly authorized to enter into and execute all applications, proposals and/or agreements on behalf of the Town of Bethel, CT for any and all loans and/or grants from the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health or other such State agency for funding to achieve the construction of the “Eureka Lake Water Storage Tank”.

Further, Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman of the Town of Bethel, CT or his designee, is authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by any agency of the State of Connecticut in connection with any loans and/or grants submitted by the Town of Bethel, CT for the construction of the “Eureka Lake Water Storage Tank” as to any amendments, rescissions, and/or revisions to the applications, proposals and/or agreements submitted thereto.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight’s agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary