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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 2015
10:00 a.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.

First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Consideration of request – use of Clarke Park roadways – Bike Racing Event on March 15 and March 22, 2015

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the request of Carpe Diem Racing and hold two racing events, one on Sunday, March 15, 2015 and the other on Sunday, March 22, 2015 subject to the following conditions:

1. Event organizers must notify all business owners within the park at least three days prior to event.
2. Event organizers must provide proof of liability insurance indemnifying the Town of Bethel and naming the Town as “other insured”.
3. Event organizers will make previous arrangements for parking and designate those areas with "event parking" signage. Cars parked on private property without permission from the property owner will be subject to removal at the owners' expense.
4. Participants and spectators will not use business locations for bathroom facilities, to change clothing, etc, except with permission from the property owner. Bathroom facilities and changing areas will be provided in a safe location by race coordinators.
5. Garbage receptacles will be made available for participants by race coordinators. Event staff will be responsible for cleanup and garbage removal.

6. Participants and spectators should not sit or climb on signs or equipment on the Clarke Park business properties.
7. Coordinators and staff will ensure that business and property owners and their customers will have easy access to their intended destination during a racing event.
8. Traffic control will be provided by the Bethel Police Department at the event organizers expense.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of resolution- Fair Housing

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Fair Housing Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, *all persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and*

WHEREAS, *Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and*

WHEREAS, *Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and*

WHEREAS, *the Town of Bethel is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *That the Town of Bethel hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *That the chief executive officer of the Town of Bethel or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Bethel and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U. S.*

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of resolution - First Supplemental Agreement for Intersection Improvements to Walnut Hill Road at Hoyt Road

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the resolution for the First Supplemental Agreement for Intersection Improvements to Walnut Hill Road at Hoyt Road as follows:

RESOLVED, that Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement entitled “First Supplemental Agreement to the Original Agreement Dated January 20, 2012 between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Bethel for the Design, Construction, Inspection and Maintenance of Safety Improvements to Walnut Hill Road at Hoyt Road utilizing Federal Funds under the Hazard Elimination Component of the Surface Transportation Program”

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of resolution – Regional Funding for GIS map development

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Resolution endorsing a Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Application by Western Connecticut Council of Governments, as follows:

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING A REGIONAL
PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION
BY THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, *the State of Connecticut, through the Office of Policy and Management provides Regional Performance Incentive Program grant funding; and*

WHEREAS, *municipalities access the grants through their respective Regional Planning Organizations like the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WCCOG); and*

WHEREAS, *one of the grant eligible activities is the “joint provision of a service or services currently provided by municipalities, but not currently provided on a regional basis”; and*

WHEREAS, *WCCOG would submit a grant proposal for a regional orthoimagery flight which would put multiple municipalities on the same update cycle for such data collection thus providing potential for future cost savings; and*

WHEREAS, *the Board of Selectmen wishes to participate in this regional funding initiative for the benefits the project will provide.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Bethel Board of Selectmen hereby endorse the Regional Performance Incentive Program proposal referenced in Section 5 of Public Act 11-61, An Act Concerning Responsible Growth, as developed by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments for Regional GIS Service.*

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on today's agenda, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:15 a.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary