



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 - 7:45 p.m.  
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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**PRESENT:** First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance were Town Counsel Martin Lawlor, and Labor Attorney John Shea.

First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

### **Consideration of Resolution – Application for 2015 Small Cities Grant**

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

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 – 3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Bethel make application to the State for \$800,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Bethel in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman is hereby

authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, to carry out approved activities and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Bethel.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Consideration of accepting Call for Annual Town Meeting**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to accept the Call for the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel High School. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Consideration of ratification of contract – Bethel Police Union (*Executive Session may be anticipated*)**

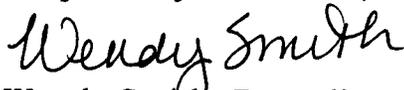
First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to go into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussion with Labor Attorney on the United Public Service Employees Union/COPS Division proposed contract. Invited in to Executive Session were Labor Attorney John Shea, Town Counsel Martin Lawlor and Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary/Office Administrator. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Executive Session ended at 8:10 p.m.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to ratify the United Public Service Employees Union/COPS Division, Bethel Police Unit through June 30, 2018. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary