



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, March 15, 2016
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 regular meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Public Comments: Janice Chrzescijanek spoke.

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

Minutes of previous meetings: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, Consideration of minutes from February 2, 10, 11, 16, 18, 22 and 25, 2016. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 2, 2016: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 10, 2016: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 10, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

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Minutes of February 11, 2016: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 16, 2016: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 16, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 18, 2016: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 22, 2016: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 25, 2016: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, 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 # 4 – Consideration of Resolution – Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, # 5 – Consideration of Appointment – Acting First Selectman. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker reported that the Plumtrees Bridge Project is ready to begin, heavy equipment is being moved in and the official groundbreaking will be held shortly. He also advised that the Procurement Committee met and opened up bids on the Police Station Project and they were referred over to the Public Site & Building Commission, who will review and make recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for award.

New Business

1.) Consideration of Bid Waiver and Disposal of town equipment

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

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RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Bethel Charter, Section C8-13(C)(4)iii and Section C8-13(C)(4)iv, finds that it is in the public interest and the public economy to waive the bidding and advertising requirements and approve the sale of seven (7) Town of Bethel Motor Vehicles as hereinafter set forth below to Lajoie Auto Wrecking in the amount of One Hundred Twenty (\$125.00) Dollars each, for the total sum of Eight Hundred Seventy Five (\$875.00) Dollars:

- 1.) 2000 - GMC Van, formerly used by building maintenance
VIN: 1GTFG25M6Y1900484
- 2.) 2000 - Ford E250 Van, formerly used by building maintenance
VIN: 1FTNE24L2YHA84391
- 3.) 1995 - Chevrolet S10 pick-up, formerly used by building maintenance
VIN: 1GCCS1447SK245072
- 4.) 2002 - Ford Ranger pick-up, formerly used by Parks & Recreation
VIN: 1FTZR45U62TA09867
- 5.) 2004 - Ford Crown Victoria, formerly used as a Police Department Paramedic Vehicle
VIN: 2FAHP71W74X174994
- 6.) 2000 - GMC SAFARI Van, formerly used as a Police Department Animal Control Vehicle
VIN: 1GKDM19W4Yb534982
- 7.) 1997 - Dodge B1500, formerly used by the Board of Education
VIN: 2B7HB11X5VK522112

THE REASONS FOR THE BID/ADVERTISEMENT WAIVER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. The seven (7) vehicles have outlived their usefulness and have been determined to present an imminent hazard to the safety of passengers and pedestrians.
- B. Each of the vehicles has been evaluated to have no demonstrable value with the cost to repair and maintain each exceeding the value of the vehicle.
- C. That the cost to publicly advertise for the sale of such vehicles does not warrant the expense of advertising as compared to the value of the vehicles.

And it is further **RESOLVED** that the First Selectman, and or his designee(s) on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and to take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate and finalize the foregoing.

Three separate companies submitted quotes and LaJoie was the highest. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of disbanding “old” Train Station Committee and establishing a “new” Train Station Committee

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to disband the “old” Train Station Committee. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

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First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Janice Chrzescijanek, Richard Straiton, Michael Boyle, Robert Kozalowski and Elizabeth (Beth) Cavagna to a “new” Train Station Committee to review and recommend to the Board of Selectmen, proposals received on the “new” Train Station. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of Bus Shelter

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, that under the provisions of State Statute 8-24 to refer the installation of two Bus Shelters to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their report. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

HART Bus will provide two Bus Shelters at their cost to the Town of Bethel. The Town of Bethel will be required to install concrete pads and the shelters. This cost is estimated to be approximately \$4,300 total. Upon the favorable report from Planning & Zoning, the funding for these items will be considered by the Board of Selectmen and referred to the Board of Finance.

4.) Consideration of Resolution – Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program

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

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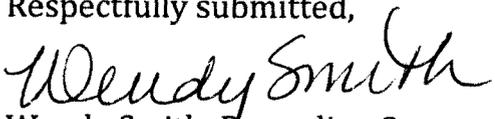
directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such 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.

5.) Consideration of appointment – Acting First Selectman:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Richard Straiton as Acting First Selectman in the absence of the First Selectman. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary