



# 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, April 3, 2012  
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 J. Lawlor.

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

**Public Comments:** David Glahn (Sycamore Tree and Municipal Center lawn) and Kevin Opinski (Human Resources/Ethics Code)

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

**Minutes of March 20, 2012 Regular Meeting:** 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 March 21, 2012 Public Hearing:** 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 March 27, 2012 Special Meeting:** 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 Report:** First Selectman Knickerbocker reported that the highway department is readying for the road construction season to begin. State vehicles had been

parked by the Sycamore as they are replacing culverts and will be repaving the roadway from Danbury to Redding. The Public Hearing on the recommended budget is scheduled for tomorrow evening. He noted that Zoning Official Steven Palmer made some recommendations regarding the Blight Ordinance; these will be provided shortly. He also noted that CL&P is preparing a schedule for the installation of the lightpoles for the school complex.

## **New Business**

### **1.) Consideration of establishing date for Special Town Meeting (C6-6(d) – Town Notification Ordinance**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to establish a Special Town Meeting date of Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Room “A” of the CJH Municipal Center. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **2.) Consideration of appointment(s) to Bethel Housing Authority**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Linda Ryan (D) to the Bethel Housing Authority. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Elaine Dube.

### **3.) Consideration of Personnel Rules & Regulations Ordinance**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 for the purpose of receiving comments regarding repealing Chapter 19 Personnel Rules & Regulations. 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 7:53 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary