



# 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, May 15, 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 (“old” town hall), Kevin Opinski (ADA concerns, issues), Billy Michaels (“old” town hall, referendum), J. Philip Gallagher (“old” town hall)

**Correspondence:** Letter from J. Philip Gallagher dated May 15, 2012

**Minutes of April 26, 2012 Special Meeting:** Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Selectman Straiton abstained from the vote as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

**Minutes of April 30, 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.

**Minutes of May 1, 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 May 7, 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 advised that the referendum on the budget will be on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> and noted that there will be designated parking spaces on School Street and in the back parking lot. Postcards advising of the referendum date went out to all postal patrons advising of the date of the referendum.

**New Business:**

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, # 6 – Discussion of “All or None” ordinance. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**1) Repeal of Chapter 19**

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to repeal Chapter 19 Personnel Rules & Regulations in its entirety. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**2) Adoption of new HR regulations in lieu of Chapter 19:**

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adopt the new HR Regulations. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**3) Demo of Old Town Hall**

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

**4) Employee classification study:**

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that he is planning to undertake an employee classification study; cost of which was included in the budget. He noted that this has not been done in years and it is time.

**5) Transfer Station permits and fees**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to concur with the Public Utilities Commission and recommend to the Public Hearing on the Transfer Station fees, adding a one day resident or taxpayer

permit fee of \$10 per day, and add a prorated resident or taxpayer permit for those under the age of sixty five (65) at \$30.00 per vehicle commencing January 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2013, and, annually thereafter commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> of that same year and a prorated resident or taxpayer permit for those over the age of sixty five (65) shall be \$25.00 per vehicle commencing January 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2013, and, annually thereafter commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> of that same year. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**6) Discussion of "All or None" ordinance**

Selectman Szatkowski offered that a group of resident put a lot of effort into this and doesn't believe the issue should go dormant. First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that he has asked Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor for an analysis of the impact of creating such an "All or None" ordinance; he is concerned that there may be an unintended consequence and wants to research and really consider how and what language this ordinance should contain, if adopted. Selectmen agreed to table until the next meeting.

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 8:08 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary