



# 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, October 2, 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 were Town Counsel Martin Lawlor and Town Engineer Andrew Morosky.

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance:** First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**Public Comments:** Larry Craybas (Whittlesey Drive lights)

**Correspondence:** Memorandum from Planning & Zoning – not on tonight’s agenda.

**Minutes of September 4, 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 September 24, 2012 Special Meeting:** 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 September 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 present for the meeting.

**First Selectman Report:** First Selectman Knickerbocker reported that 4 benches from the old rail station have been refurbished and placed throughout the Municipal Center; he thanked all the departments who participated in this venture. He updated the Selectmen on the Solar Farm Initiative, noting that it will have to be put on the back burner for now since state legislation was not modified during this session. Instead the Energy Outreach Committee will be focusing on the Fuel Cell Initiative for the High School. First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that Walnut and Weed Roads will be closed for about a week as work commences on the reconstruction of the bridge. First Selectman Knickerbocker also advised that he would be

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following up with the utility companies regarding the installation of the lights along Whittlesey Drive which is supposed to take place this fall.

### **Old Business**

#### **1.) Consideration of request – easement – Bethel Woods project**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the permanent slope easement at Bethel Woods as presented and revised by Town Counsel. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

#### **2.) Consideration of establishing date for Public Hearing – Blight Ordinance and Fine/Enforcement Ordinance**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to establish a Public Hearing date of Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room “A”. Motion and second were withdrawn. Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to establish a Public Hearing date of Tuesday, December 4, 2012. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to Section 1-4 Enforcement, that the anti-blight officer shall be the Zoning Enforcement Officer, and include the Building Official in the assistance requested from sentence. And, in Section 1-5 Complaints on Blight – add the Zoning Department as the department the complaint forms must be submitted to. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **New Business**

#### **1.) Consideration of Tax Collector’s request for Tax Refund Authorization**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Tax Collector’s request, dated October 2, 2012 to authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$3,372.83. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

#### **2.) Consideration of recommendation to Board of Finance – additional appropriation – Tennis Court replacement**

The initial bidding for the tennis court replacement project was much higher than anticipated and appropriated. The project was revised and re-bid. The bids came in closer this time.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to the agenda, establish date for Special Town Meeting for the tennis court replacement, Park & Recreation flat bed body and Middle School boilers. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to establish a Special Town Meeting date of Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room "A" for the tennis court replacement, Park & Recreation flat bed body and Middle School boilers, if needed. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding in the amount of \$17,950 for the tennis court replacement project, subject to Special Town Meeting approval, if needed. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **3.) Consideration of recommendation to Board of Finance – replacement of flat bed body - Parks & Recreation 2004 pickup truck**

The flat bed body of this vehicle is rotted beyond repair, Fleet Maintenance is on the verge of pulling this vehicle off the road; this will leave Parks & Recreation down a vehicle. It had been determined that the vehicle is worth saving and prices to fix it were solicited.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to recommend to the Board of Finance, funding in the amount of \$6,533 for the replacement of the flat bed body for the 2004 Parks & Recreation pickup truck, subject to Special Town Meeting approval, if needed. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **4.) Consideration of recommendation to Board of Finance – additional appropriation - Bethel Middle School Boiler**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance, an additional appropriation in an amount not to exceed \$36,340 for the Bethel Middle School Boiler, subject to Special Town Meeting approval. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, Bid Waiver for Middle School Boiler. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **5.) Consideration of Bid Waiver for Middle School Boiler:**

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Bethel Charter, Section C8-13.C.(4)(iii), finds that it is in the public interest and the public economy to waive the bidding requirements with respect to the award of a contract for the purchase and

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installation of a Buderus G515/10 Boiler from Connecticut Combustion Corporation as a replacement boiler for one of the two boilers at the Bethel Middle School in the amount of Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Forty (\$36,340.00) Dollars for the following reasons:

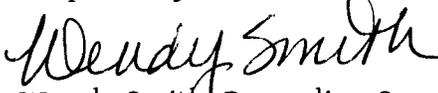
- 1.) With the upcoming heating season, the existing operating boiler is insufficient to properly heat the Bethel Middle School on its own which requires the immediate installation of the replacement boiler for the malfunctioning second boiler.
- 2.) The waiving of this bid will result in substantial time savings which will allow for the installation of the boiler much sooner and will prevent the disruption of classes for the Bethel Middle School students.
- 3.) That Connecticut Combustion Corporation is currently providing services and materials to the Town's Education Complex; and, the Town has had previous past dealings and experiences with Connecticut Combustion Corporation which services provided have proved satisfactorily.
- 4.) That the installation of this replacement boiler is being recommended by the Town's Public Work's Director and the Town's mechanical and engineering consultant.

**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 subject to approval by the Bethel Board of Finance and a Special Town Meeting.

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