



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2013  
7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

**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 7:30 p.m.

**Public Comments:** none

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

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight’s agenda, under New Business, # 4 – Consideration of request for use of Clarke Business Park – Bike Tour staging area. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to add to tonight’s agenda, under New Business, # 5 – Consideration of C-PACE. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Minutes of April 16, 2013 Regular 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 April 23, 2013 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.

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**Minutes of April 25, 2013 Special Meeting:** Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes with the amendment that Selectman Szatkowski was present. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Minutes of April 29, 2013 Special Meeting:** Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes with the amendment that Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis was present. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**First Selectman Report:** First Selectman Knickerbocker noted the progress of the Library; anticipated to re-open within 2 weeks. Selectman Straiton will act as liaison for the bridge project at Walnut/Taylor (projection completion anticipated for November 2013) and CL&P is still researching the issue with the lighting at Whittlesey Drive.

### **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 May 3, 2013 and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$5,933.33. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

#### **2.) Consideration of accepting Open Space (Knollwood Drive subdivision) and establish date for Special Town Meeting and, referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission (8-24 referral)**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to recommend to the Board of Finance, the acceptance of 2.75 acres of open space per the Planning & Zoning Commission approval of the subdivision plan, and if required, refer the project to the Planning & Zoning Commission under the provisions of Town of Bethel Charter and Connecticut General Statutes for 8-24 report. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Upon approval by the Board of Finance, a Special Town Meeting date will be established.

#### **3.) Consideration of appointment – Blight Hearing Officer**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Ralph LoBalbo as the Blight Hearing Officer. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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### **4.) Consideration of request for use of Clarke Business Park – Bike Tour staging area.**

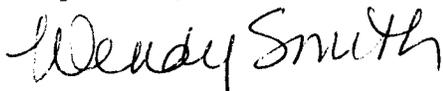
First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the request of Gran Fondo Bike Tour (c/o Tom Carruthers) to hold their staging area in the Clarke Business Park for their race event on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, subject to receipt of appropriate insurance as well as notification to the business owners and Police Department. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **5.) Consideration of C-PACE**

The Board of Selectmen agreed to invite representatives of C-PACE – a financing tool for building owners to the next Board of Selectmen meeting and to invite the Tax Collector and Assessor to attend as well. C-PACE is an innovative financing model that will allow building owners access to cleaner, cheaper, and more reliable energy.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary