



# 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 1, 2013  
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 7:30 p.m.

**Public Comments:** none

**Correspondence:** none that was not already on tonight's agenda

**Minutes of September 17, 2013:** 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 voting as he was not in attendance.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, Item 1a.) Consideration of Consideration of Resolution - Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**First Selectman Report:** First Selectman Knickerbocker provided an update on the Walnut Hill Bridge; he noted that during construction it became apparent that there was insufficient bedrock and this necessitated an engineering change. The state engineers determined that micropiles would be installed and work is anticipated to resume by

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week's end. The state still anticipates holding to their original completion date of early December.

First Selectman Knickerbocker distributed to the other selectmen, the draft report compiled on a Fire Apparatus Replacement Plan. This will be on an upcoming agenda.

### **New Business**

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

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated October 1, 2013 and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$6,388.01. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

#### **Consideration of Resolution - Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)**

First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that this is an annual grant that we receive from the State of CT through FEMA of \$9,300 that reimburses 1/2 of the stipend and communications/radio tower lease costs.

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

*RESOLVED, that Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that Matthew S. Knickerbocker, as First Selectman of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.*

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of Assessment Appeals and invite in Assessor Ann Marie Heering and Town Counsel Martin Lawlor. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Executive Session ended at 8:17 p.m.

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### 2.) Consideration of Assessment Appeals

1. **EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY REALTY COMPANY V. TOWN OF BETHEL**
2. **EATON AEROSPACE, LLC V. TOWN OF BETHEL**
3. **K BROTHERS, LLC V. TOWN OF BETHEL**

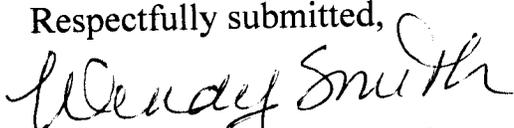
First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the recommended stipulated settlement of assessment litigation for Eaton Aerospace in the amount of \$2,865,000, Eight Hundred Ninety Realty Company in the amount of \$3,450,000, and K Brothers LLC (for the Grand List of 2011 only) in the amount of \$600,000 as recommended by the Town Assessor. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### 3.) Consideration of Police Chief Contract

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve a three year contract renewal (expires June 30, 2016) with Police Chief Jeffrey Finch as recommended by the Bethel Police Commission. 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 8:19 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary