



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 15, 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: Paula Antolini, Robert Legnard, Susan Dolan, and Beth Cavagna.

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

Minutes of October 1, 2013: 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 on the Walnut Hill Bridge, noting for the record, again, that this is a state project completely under the control of the state. Engineering had to be re-worked due to the finding, or lack of finding of bedrock which resulted in the requirement of the installation of micropiers. Only two companies were able to do this type of specific work and their proposals are under review; the work is expected to resume shortly. He also pointed out that the project was always due to be complete in December and the state still maintains that the project would be complete in December.

New Business

**1.) Consideration of request – St. Mary's Carnival
lawn for St. Mary's Carnival**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the request to use the Municipal Center lawn for the St. Mary's Carnival, from May 9, 2014 to May 19, 2014 subject to receipt of the appropriate insurance and completion of the facility use form. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of report – Franc Committee

The Franc Committee had submitted their report to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. Selectmen thanked those on the committee for their time and service.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to accept the recommendation of the Franc Committee to name the property the Franc Preserve. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to table the report to allow Selectmen to consider the recommendations but to authorize the mowing of the meadow and appoint Beth Cavagna as the coordinator for a "tree dig" event. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of Bid Award – Bid 14-02 42,000 lb Combination Dump Truck & Sand Spreader

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the original recommendation from the Procurement Commission was for \$152,958 (based on the bids) but this was reduced by \$2,500 because they eliminated the ground speed control. It is now \$150,458.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the recommendation from the Procurement Committee after review by the Public Works Superintendent and Fleet Manager, to award Bid # 14-02 42,000 lb Combination Dump Truck & Sand Spreader to Truck Center, Inc. for the total amount of \$150,458. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of Proposed Drainage Easement – 48-50 Stony Hill Road

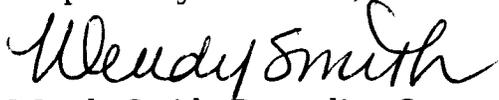
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First Selectman Knickerbocker reported that as part of this project, the State DOT had advised the developer of the need for an easement for storm water drainage and detention systems.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to authorize Town Counsel to prepare the necessary easements. 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 8:23 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary