

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

**Present:** First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski and Selectman Wild.  
Also in attendance was Town Attorney William Hagan.

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance:** First Selectman Burke called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Minutes of September 4, 2007 Regular Meeting:** Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Wild, to approve the minutes of September 4, 2007 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Minutes of September 6, 2007 Special Meeting:** Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Wild, to approve the minutes of September 6, 2007 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**First Selectman's Report:** First Selectman Burke reported that the Chestnut Street Culvert project is ready to begin, the North Wing window replacement has begun, progress continues on the Bethpage Waterline project and erosion control and OSHA issues at the High School Project proved to be nothing.

## **New Business**

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

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Tax Collector's request dated September 13, 2007 authorizing Tax Refunds in the amount of \$4,252.39. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **2.) Consideration of request for Hiking Event on October 14<sup>th</sup> (October 21<sup>st</sup> rain date) – Terre Haute property**

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the request of PATH, Bethel Land Trust and Appalachian Mountain Club to hold a hiking event on October 14<sup>th</sup> (October 21<sup>st</sup> rain date) subject to receipt of the appropriate insurance. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **3.) Consideration of recommendation for town ordinance for a Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to refer to the recommended ordinance from the Planning & Zoning Commission to Town Counsel to review and put in proper form in order to hold a Public Hearing in accord with the Town of Bethel Charter. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **4.) Consideration of appointment of a Revaluation Phase-In Ad-Hoc Committee**

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to solicit interested residents willing to serve on a Revaluation Phase-In Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate the feasibility & benefits of a Phase-In of the upcoming revaluation. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **5.) Consideration of draft Plan of Development**

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to advise the Planning & Zoning Commission that the Board of Selectmen has reviewed the Draft Plan of Development and requests that

references to a permanent conservation easement encumbering the Terre Haute property be removed. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Selectmen did not disagree with the First Selectman's comments that the Terre Haute property is owned by the residents of the Town of Bethel; as the property stands now, Bethel has control over the its use and its future, and any permanent changes like a conservation easement would have to be approved by the residents of Bethel.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, Item # 6 – Teresa Allen - Bankruptcy Litigation/Attorney Retainer. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

#### 6.) Teresa Allen - Bankruptcy Litigation

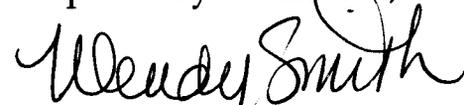
First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of Discussion of Teresa Allen Bankruptcy Litigation/Attorney Retainer. Attorney Hagan and Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary were invited into the Executive Session portion of the meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Executive Session ended at 8:05 p.m.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a retainer agreement with California Attorney Richard Baum to represent the Town of Bethel in the case *Teresa Allen vs Town of Bethel*. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Adjourn:** As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary