



RECEIVED

JUN 05 2008

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

Tuesday, June 3, 2008
7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski, and Selectman Cleary. Also in attendance was Town Attorney William Hagan.

First Selectman Burke called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to appoint Wendy Smith as the Acting Town Clerk for tonight’s Special Town Meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Acting Town Clerk Wendy Smith read the call for tonight’s Special Town Meeting as follows:

TOWN OF BETHEL, CONNECTICUT
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Legal Voters of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut, and those persons entitled to vote therein, are notified to assemble at a Special Town Meeting to be held in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”, 1 School Street, Bethel, Connecticut 06801 on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose, to wit:

- 1.) To consider and take action upon a proposed lease to Daily Fare, LLC of the concession area of the Bethel Train Station in accordance with and subject to the terms set forth in such proposed lease.
- 2.) To do any and all things which may be legally necessary or appropriate to accomplish the above named purposes.

Dated at Bethel, Connecticut, this 27th day of May 2008.

Board of Selectmen

Robert E. Burke, First Selectman, Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman and Kevin L. Cleary, Selectman

Chris Trodahl made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to accept the Call as read. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Election of Moderator:

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Chris Trodahl, to appoint Robert Burke, First Selectman as Moderator for tonight’s Special Town Meeting.

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Chris Trodahl, to close nominations for Moderator. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The vote for Robert Burke as Moderator was unanimous.

Town Attorney William Hagan read the Resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Town of Bethel enter into a lease with Daily Fare LLC of the coffee shop/kitchen area of the Bethel Train Station for a term of three (3) years with two (2) – three (3) year renewal options on substantially the proposed terms set forth in the draft lease agreement and further subject to approval by the State Department of Transportation.

It is further resolved that subject to State approval, the First Selectman is authorized to enter a lease substantially in the form proposed and take any other action necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing.

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Chris Trodahl to accept the Resolution as read.

Discussion:

David Glahn offered that he would like to see the station open to commuters as much as possible and that it should be the Town of Bethel's responsibility to keep the station open instead of the lease holder.

Chris Trodahl offered that he supports the resolution for the lease opportunity and suggested perhaps the station attendant hours could be shifted once the business is up and running.

David Glahn questioned the snow removal clause for the lease holder. He was corrected, as it is the Town who is responsible for snow removal, not the lease holder.

As there was no further discuss of the Resolution, a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Chris Trodahl, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Acting Town Clerk