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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

7:30 p.m.

C.J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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

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

Public Comments: David Glahn, Robert Fand, J. Philip Gallagher and Robert Crnic spoke.

Correspondence: Letter from Attorney Hagan regarding State Representative Jason Bartlett brochure. Selectman Cleary presented a letter from the State of Connecticut, Auditors of Public Account which was addressed to Rep. Bartlett. (Copies of both letters are attached.)

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, Consideration of recommendation to the Board of Finance – funding request for the Bethel Public Library. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, Consideration of correspondence regarding Representative Bartlett brochure. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Burke and Selectman Szatkowski. Selectman Cleary abstained from voting. Motion passed.

Minutes of September 16, 2008: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to approve the minutes of September 16, 2008 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of September 30, 2008: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to approve the minutes of September 30, 2008 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Burke updated the board on various projects and town concerns.

Consideration of Resolution - Chestnut Street/Waterhorse Brook Property

The State Department of Environmental Protection has required a final resolution to be passed by the Board of Selectmen in order for them to release the \$139,500 to the Town of Bethel.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that:

RESOLVED, that Robert E. Burke of the Town of Bethel be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Bethel an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and a Conservation and Public recreation Easement and Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to acquire permanent interest in land known as Chestnut Hill and to manage said land as open space pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of Resolution - Special Funding for Municipalities program

In April 2008, the Town of Bethel was invited to apply for a 2008 Special Funding Initiative through the State Department of Social Services, Aging Services Division for a grant of \$5,000 for the purchase of a large screen

TV and audio equipment. The following resolution is required in order to accept the grant.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that:

RESOLVED that the First Selectman Robert E. Burke, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Bethel with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Special Funding for Municipalities program, and to affix the corporate seal.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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 October 20, 2008 to approve Tax Refunds in the amount of \$2,135.35. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of recommendation from Procurement Committee - Bid Award # 09-02 Dry Screened Sand for Snow & Ice Control

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the recommendation from the Procurement Committee and award Bid # 09-02 Dry Screened Sand for Snow & Ice Control to Green Cycle Grillo for the bid price of \$17.25 per ton. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration (and referral) of road acceptance – Church Camp Ground

Attorney James Driscoll was present at tonight's meeting to discuss a subdivision application which will be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission; part of the development of the property would be to convey the road to the Town of Bethel.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to refer the project and road acceptance to the Planning &

Zoning Commission and Town Engineer for comment and/or recommendation. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of recommendation to the Board of Finance – Elderly Tax Review Program

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend that the Board of Finance review the Elderly Tax Benefit Program. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of recommendation to the Board of Finance – funding request for the Bethel Public Library

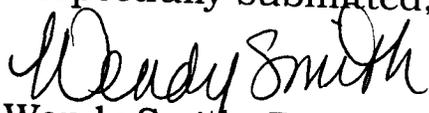
First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to recommend to the Board of Finance appropriating a sum, not to exceed \$29,500 as the balance of the matching funds required for the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism (CCCT) grant. Said appropriation will be refunded to the Town upon receipt of donations. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of correspondence regarding Representative Bartlett brochure:

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to authorize William Hagan, Town Attorney to review the correspondence from the State regarding the brochure and report back to the Board of Selectmen. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Burke and Selectman Szatkowski. Selectman Cleary abstained from voting. Motion passed.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary