



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Robert Burke, First Selectman
Paul Szatkowski, Selectman
Kevin L. Cleary, Selectman

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.
CJH 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, Alice Hutchinson, Robert Crnic, Matthew Knickerbocker, J. Philip Gallagher, and Timothy Beeble spoke.

Correspondence: First Selectman Burke noted correspondence read during Public Comments by Alice Hutchinson and letters received regarding appointment requests.

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

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Burke noted that the High School Project is on target, the South Street Fire House and Parks & Recreation Building are progressing, tax collections have increased somewhat and “shovel ready” project requests have been submitted.

New Business

1.) **Appointments to various boards & commissions:**

Commission on Aging

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to re-appoint Lucille Walsh (D) to the Commission on Aging. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 2, 2013.

Economic Development Commission

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to re-appoint Kevin McMahon (D) and Erik Anderson (D) to the Economic Development Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. These terms expire January 7, 2014.

Ethics Commission

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to re-appoint John Kelly (R) to the Ethics Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 3, 2012.

Housing Authority

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to re-appoint Dorothy Clarke (D) to the Housing Authority. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires on January 7, 2014.

Library Board of Directors

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Dan Gaita (D) to the Library Board of Directors to fill the expired term of Mildred Freebairn (D). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Burke and Selectman Szatkowski. Voting against the motion: Selectman Cleary. Motion passed. This term expires January 2, 2013.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Dorthea Stasny (R) to the Library Board of Directors to fill the expired term of Constance Booth (R). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 2, 2013.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Thomas Addonizio (U) to the Library Board of Directors to fill the expired term of Gary Passineau (D). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Burke and Selectman Szatkowski. Voting against the motion: Selectman Cleary. Motion passed. This term expires January 2, 2013.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Elisa Volpati (U) to the Library Board of Directors to fill the expired term of Jane Shannon (D). Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Burke and Selectman Szatkowski. Voting against the motion: Selectman Cleary. Motion passed. This term expires January 2, 2013.

Parks & Recreation

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to reappoint Stephen Poole (U) to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 2, 2013.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to reappoint Gary Regan (R) to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 2, 2013.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to reappoint Louis Valenti (D) to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 2, 2013.

Public Site & Building Committee

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to reappoint Nancy Ryan (D) to the Public Site & Building Committee. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 2, 2013.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to appoint Richard Straiton (D) to the Public Site & Building

Committee to fill the vacant seat. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 2, 2013.

First Selectman Burke advised that there is still an expired term and he was not making any recommendation at this time.

Selectman Cleary made a motion, which received no second to re-appoint Christopher Trodahl to the Public Site & Building Committee.

Public Utilities Commission – no term expirations

Youth Commission

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to reappoint Richard Merritt (R) to the Youth Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 4, 2011.

First Selectman Burke advised that there is still an expired term and he was not making any recommendation at this time.

Selectman Cleary made a motion, which received no second to re-appoint Janice Stevenson to the Youth Commission.

Youth Commission Alternate

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to reappoint Jerome Ochs (R) to the Youth Commission Alternate. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This term expires January 4, 2011.

2.) Consideration of resolutions – State funding for Teen Center and Library

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the resolution as follows as part of the formal application to the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services for the Teen Center:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that The Town of Bethel hereby adopts as its policy, the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142, as those Status may be amended from time to time.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the resolution as follows as part of the formal application to the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic Development for the Seelye House:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that Robert E. Burke, First Selectman, is hereby authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of Bethel, any and all contracts and amendments and to execute and approve on behalf of the Town of Bethel, other instruments, a part of or incident to such contracts and amendments effective until otherwise ordered by the Board of Selectmen.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. 4-66c the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Bethel make an application to the State for \$150,000 in order to undertake Seelye House Improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Selectmen

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the State Assistance imposed by C.G.S. 4-66c
2. That the filing of an application for State finance assistance by the Town of Bethel in the amount not to exceed \$150,000 is hereby approved and that Robert E. Burke, First Selectman is directed to execute an Assistance

Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered; to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Bethel.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the resolution as follows as part of the formal application to the State of Connecticut, Department of Social Services for the Seelye House:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that The Town of Bethel hereby adopts as its policy, the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142, as those Status may be amended from time to time.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Selectmen, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary