



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Bethel Municipal Center, 1 School Street
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

1:00 p.m.

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

Present: First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Selectmen Richard Straiton, Selectman Paul Szatkowski and Commissioners Michael Gribbin and Peter Valenti. Also in attendance were Comptroller Barry Curina, Tax Collector Ann Scacco, Town Engineer Andrew Morosky, Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis and Town Attorney Martin Lawlor.

Call to Order: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

2010 Meeting Calendar: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion which was seconded by Selectman Rich Straiton to approve the 2010 Meeting Calendar. Discussion took place. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Hydrant Rates: Discussion took place between Attorney Martin Lawlor and Commissioners regarding legal implications of proposed rate increase with respect to the uncertainty associated with the outcomes of 1) Board of Finance discussions and 2) a Town Meeting, which would both need to approve the increase to the spending of money this fiscal year.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to override the January 4, 2010 meeting's motion regarding Hydrant Rates for Fiscal year 2009-2010, keeping the current rate of \$200 per Hydrant in effect and to anticipate raising the rates as stipulated in the 2008 rate study to \$952 per Hydrant for Fiscal year 2010 -2011. Vote, First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton, Commissioner Gribbin and Commissioner Valenti in favor; Selectman Szatkowski against. Motion Approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker also requested that a letter be sent with the bills explaining the need to raise hydrant rates in the upcoming fiscal year and to notify Chris Woodcock that the Commission is interested in 1) examining the effects of the rate increases and 2) suggestions for future rate adjustments.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on the agenda First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. No discussion, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Rogalski, Recording Secretary

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