



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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*Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman*  
*Richard C. Straiton, Selectman*  
*Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman*

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 27, 2010  
4:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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**PRESENT:** First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton, and Selectman Szatkowski.

First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### 1.) **Consideration of re-adoption of Fair Housing Resolution (annual)**

#### **TOWN OF BETHEL** **READOPTION OF FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, all American citizens are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

**WHEREAS**, State and Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, familial status, be given equal access to rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Town of Bethel** is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the **Town of Bethel** hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy Statement to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis; And,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the First Selectman of the **Town of Bethel** or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Bethel.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to re-adopt the Fair Housing Resolution as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on the agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 4:03 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary