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MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

6:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance were Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor and Town Planner Steven Palmer.

First Selectman Knickerbocker opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. and invited public comments on a proposed lease with BETHEL CYCLE & FITNESS, LLC for a portion of the land and the building located at 05 Depot Place, Bethel, CT commonly referred to as the “Old Train Station”.

Town Planner Steven Palmer gave a brief overview of the proposal to lease the Old Train Station. A committee had been formed to review the Request for Proposals, recommend a tenant to the Board of Selectmen and recommend items to be included in the lease with the proposed tenant. He explained that the parking lot would be reconfigured to correct drainage issues and several spaces would be lost due to this construction. The lease includes 11 designated parking spaces for the tenant.

Public Comments:

Patricia Smithwick
Dan Mottola
Don Dempsey
Patricia Scollon

Don Bullock
Greg Pelican
J. Philip Gallagher
Nancy Ryan

Nick Valluzzo
Sal Manascalco
John Romano
John Verdi

The majority of those that spoke expressed concern that there are 11 dedicated parking spaces in the municipal parking lot for the proposed tenant and suggested that the lot remain a first come-first served lot.

As there were no other comments, First Selectman Knickerbocker closed the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Smith
Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary