



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 - 7:30 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor and Ann Scacco, Tax Collector.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none that was not already on tonight's agenda

Minutes of April 14, 2011 Special Meeting: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of April 19, 2011 Regular Meeting: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes with the amendment that Executive Session began at 8:13 p.m. and ended at 8:47 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of April 26, 2011 Special Meeting: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that roadwork has begun on the paving project; trees are being removed on Weed Road and drainage work continues on several roads. He also discussed the paving and drainage work at the old train station lot. The cost of this work is coming from the proceeds of the account for this property. He noted that any money derived from the rental (as well as previous tenant funds) has to go into a separate account; funds can only be used only for improvements or costs associated with this property. First Selectman

Knickerbocker advised that the town welcomed 28 students from France. Selectman Straiton advised that the teens have begun moving into the temporary teen center.

New Business

1.) Consideration of Tax Collector's request - Tax Abatement for Augustana Homes

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated May 2, 2011 to abate the taxes for Augustana Homes Inc. for the Grant List of October 1, 2009 in the amount of \$26,762. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of Tax Collector's request for Tax Refund Authorization

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated May 2, 2011 and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$26,762 (Augustana Homes abatement). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated May 2, 2011 and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$2,390.21. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of Ordinance repeal – Chapter 57 – Flood Damage Protection

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to repeal the ordinance entitled "Chapter 57, Flood Damage Prevention" in its entirety including Articles I, II, III, IV, V and VI, Sections 57-1 through and including Section 57-19, for the reason being that the same has been replaced by Bethel Zoning Regulation 5.1 entitled "Floodplain Overlay Zone & Floodplain Management Regulations". Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary