



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, July 5, 2011
7:30 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Straiton. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the regular meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence: none

Minutes of June 7, 2011 Regular Meeting: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to approve the minutes of June 7, 2011 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of June 23, 2011 Special Meeting: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to approve the minutes of June 23, 2011 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker reported on the upcoming Farmer's Market which opens this Thursday. He complimented the committee for its work and advised that the feedback has been very positive and offered that this will be a good thing for Bethel. He provided an update on the road construction projects, advising that Quaker Ridge, Green Pasture and Far Horizons are complete. Prep work including tree removal and drainage is being done on Walnut, Weed and Linda Lane.

He also spoke to the paving at the “old” rail station, the drainage and repaving has been completed, striping will be done shortly. He clarified that this work was done from the proceeds of the rail account (not the town road construction account). One of the conditions is that the funds received must be used at this location to maintain and improve the property. Selectman Straiton advised that the tenant has paid directly for the patio area and granite curbing.

New Business

1.) Consideration of appointment – Youth Commission ex-officio member

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Christopher Phelps as the ex-officio member (teen representative) of the Youth Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of re-appointment – HRRA

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to re-appoint Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman and Richard C. Straiton, Selectman to the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRA). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of resolution - Walnut Hill Road Bridge

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, that:

RESOLVED, that Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement entitled:

“Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Bethel for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance of the Replacement of the Walnut Hill Road Bridge over Limekiln Brook utilizing Federal Funds under the Urban Component of the Surface Transportation Program”

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the project is slated to be bid in the fall with construction commencing spring 2012.

4.) Consideration of resolution – Historic grant for Town Clerk’s Office

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, that:

RESOLVED: That Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

RESOLVED, That Town of Bethel, hereby adopts as its policy to support 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 07-425 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.

5.) Consideration of Bid Award - Plumtree's Pump Station contract award

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Public Utilities Commission has determined that the 1964 pump station on Plumtrees Road is beyond repair and have approved recommending to the Board of Selectmen, a request for funding to replace the pump station. He noted that a Special Town Meeting date will be established upon the concurrence of the Board of Finance. The cost for the pump station will be paid by the users from the Utilities account, the cost of which was been built into the new rate structure.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, that based on the recommendation from Town Engineer Andrew Morosky and the Public Utilities Commission, to approve and forward the request to the Board of Finance for the Plumtrees's Pump Station contract award to Kovacs Construction Corporation in the amount of \$526,448.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

6.) Consideration of Assessor report - S. Weston tax issue:

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table this agenda item. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

