



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, October 21, 2011
12:00 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.

First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

1.) **Consideration of appointment – Library Board of Directors**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Tia Murphy (U) to the Library Board of Directors. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

This fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Thomas Addonizio and expires on January 7, 2013.

2.) **Consideration of request – use of Municipal Center lawn for St. Mary’s Carnival (previously tabled)**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to place this previously tabled item back on the agenda. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the request to use the Municipal Center lawn for the St. Mary’s

Carnival. Voting in favor of the motion: First Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Szatkowski. Voting against the motion: Selectman Straiton. Motion passed.

Selectman Straiton advised that he would be voting against the request for several reasons, including his concern that it would be precedent setting, concern over the fire connection and building safety, doesn't believe that town government should provide a place and that the approval by this Board of Selectmen would affect any future Board of Selectmen.

3.) Consideration of adding Oak Tree Hills (Knollwood Drive) to the Call of the Special Town Meeting of November 1, 2011.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add the Oak Tree Hills (Knollwood Drive) to the Call of the Special Town Meeting of November 1, 2011. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of ratification – CSEA contract (*Executive Session anticipated*)

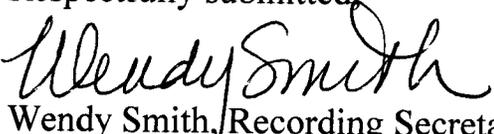
First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to go into Executive Session at 12:17 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of the CSEA contract. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor was invited into the Executive Session portion of the meeting.

Executive Session ended at 12:35pm.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the tentative agreement dated October 12, 2011 between Town of Bethel and CSEA/SEIU Local #760 for contract to commence July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on today's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 12:36 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary