



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, November 15, 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.

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

Public Comments: none

Minutes of October 4, 2011 Regular 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.

Minutes of October 21, 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 offered congratulations to Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski on their re-election.

First Selectman Knickerbocker reported on the activities and aftermath of Storm Alfred. He thanked the many volunteers, town crews and employees, residents, etc. who all lent a hand during the storm and its aftermath. The Municipal Center was open as a shelter for the week. The Board of Selectmen all agreed that everyone did a remarkable job.

On the downside, First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that with all the work associated with the storm, the road projects for Aunt Patty's Lane West and Diamond Avenue will not be completed this season but would be the first roadways in the spring.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, #4 Consideration of Use of town properties by non government agencies and #5 Consideration of CL&P lamppost. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Old Business

New Business

1.) Consideration of Yankee Gas Contracts:

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to table the Yankee Gas contracts. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of Google Contract:

First Selectman Knickerbocker explained that the municipal center email will be converted to a Google email system, which will save a small amount of money but enable a much more user friendly format and allow for employee access to emails outside of the building. Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor had, along with the IT Department, reviewed the contract with Google.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Google contract, which authorizes the First Selectman to sign the contract. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3) Consideration of Open Space Contract

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to endorse the concept of the open space contract and have town counsel adjust the dates on the contract for future action by the Board of Selectmen. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4) Consideration of Use of town properties by non government agencies

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to have the First Selectman meet with the appropriate town agencies/departments to formulate a written policy on the use(s) of town owned properties and upon completion,

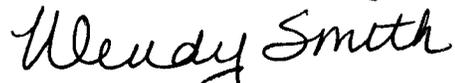
submit it to the Board of Selectmen for consideration. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

5) Consideration of CL&P lamppost

Several years back, during the renovation of Berry School, it was believed that CL&P installed the conduit and the town was to pay for the cost of the wiring and related work along Whittlesey Drive to provide lights. This project was never finished. It is believed that CL&P has designated lampposts for this area; it was agreed to look into this project.

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 8:15 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary