



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, February 4, 2014
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 Lawlor.

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

First Selectman Knickerbocker called for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of William (Bill) and Jane Shannon.

Public Comments: Cynthia McCorkindale, David Glahn and Billy Michael.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, # 4 - Appointments to Constable and Commission on Aging and New Business, # 5 - Consideration of Waiver the Public Advertising to receive bids for the sale of One (1) 1977 Ford Truck "Engine 2" - Stony Hill Volunteer Fire Department. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Correspondence: Noted correspondence from Ann Cleary and Michael Duff.

Minutes of January 7, 2014: 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 January 28, 2014: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Selectman Straiton abstained from voting as he was not present at the meeting.

Old Business

1.) Consideration of Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut request for permanent and temporary construction easements for installation of a pressure regulator at 38 Payne Road (*previously tabled*)

This had been previously tabled for two reasons – to investigate whether the cost was appropriate and if this would have an effect on our operations. Town Counsel Martin Lawlor investigated the cost and deemed it equitable and Town Engineer Andrew Morosky had advised that this would not affect our operations.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve a temporary construction and access easement, total area of 1,517 square feet and permanent easement, total area 875 square feet at 38 Payne Road for the purpose of installing a pressure regulator in favor of and for the benefit of the Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut shown and designated on a map dated November 20, 2013 by William S. Andres, P.E. /L.S. No. 11665. That the granting of the easements are subject to Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut paying the Town of Bethel the sum of \$2,000.00 as consideration for the easements with the easements being subject to final review and approval by Town Counsel, and, if technically feasible, to rotate the easement area by 90 degrees. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

New Business

1.) 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 February 4, 2014, and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$2,464.42. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of letter of intent for Ameresco – SolarPV System at landfill

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Energy Outreach Committee has recommended signing a letter of intent with Ameresco (Energy Performance Contract) who will prepare a solar generated project at the landfill including layout drawings, electrical drawings, schedule and a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) price. Selectman Szatkowski suggested that the Board of Selectmen hold a Public Hearing on this topic, all agreed that a Public Hearing would be appropriate.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to authorize the First Selectman to sign the "Letter of Intent" for Ameresco to proceed with developing, constructing and funding the landfill SolarPV System as a part of the town wide

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energy conservation Performance Contract. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of appointments - Inland Wetlands Commission and Public Site & Building Commission

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker to appoint James L'Hernault (R) to the Inland Wetlands Commission (vacancy created by the resignation of Daniel O'Grady) and to appoint James Palmer to the Public Site & Building Commission (vacancy created by the resignation of Scott Perry). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of appointments - Constable and Commission on Aging

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to re-appoint Richard Straiton (D), Janet Cosgrove (D), Robert Legnard (R) and William Duff as Constables and to re-appoint Alan Barney to the Commission on Aging. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

5.) Consideration of Waiver the Public Advertising to receive bids for the sale of One (1) 1977 Ford Truck "Engine 2" Of The Stony Hill Volunteer Fire Department

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Bethel Charter, Section C8-13.C.(4)(iii) finds that it is in the public interest and economy to waive the public advertising requirements for the highest bidder pursuant to Bethel Charter, Section C8-13.(4)(iv) with respect to the sale of Engine No. 2 of the Stony Hill Volunteer Department, a 1977 Ford Pumper truck commonly referred to as "Engine 2" and transfer the same to Foster Motor Company in the amount of Eight Thousand (\$8,000.00) Dollars for the following reasons:

- 1.) That Engine No. 2, has reached the end of its useful life for the Town of Bethel.
- 2.) Engine No. 2 is a specialized piece of firefighting equipment that may be continued to be used as a reserve fire apparatus or as a collectors item but due to its age and questionable length of its useful life, there is not a great demand for the vehicle.
- 3.) The lack of demand would result in a protracted and costly process of placing the vehicle out to bid with questionable results as to number of bidders and the

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amount of any bid. In order to maintain a reasonable salvage value, the vehicle will need to continue to be stored and maintained by the Town at additional costs.

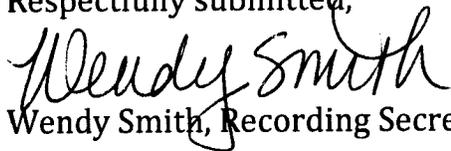
4.) That the waiving of advertising and receiving of bids will result in substantial time and cost savings which will allow for a quick sale of the vehicle at a known price and a return of funds to the Town of Bethel.

5.) That the offer of Foster Motor Company of Eight Thousand (\$8,000.00) Dollars represents reasonable and fair consideration in exchange for the vehicle.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the First Selectman and or his designee(s) on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to execute any documents and to take any actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate and finalize the foregoing.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:06 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary