



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2014
6:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center

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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 Special Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in Meeting Room "B".

Consideration of Franc Report, adoption of rules and referral to Parks & Recreation: Beth Cavagna and Eileen Earle were present.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to officially designate the Franc Preserve as a town park, placing it under the authority of the Parks & Recreation Commission and adopt the rules as recommended by the Committee. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to designate the first trail, aka as the lead trail as the "*J.R. Shannon Trail*". Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

A sign dedication will be planned.

Consideration of recommendations from the Charter Revision Commission:

Item 4, Paragraph C6-3A(1): First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to concur with the Charter Revision Commission's recommendation to move the Annual Town Meeting from the 1st Monday in May to the 1st Monday in April. Voting in favor of the motion: First



Selectman Knickerbocker and Selectman Szatkowski. Voting against the motion. Selectman Straiton. Motion passed.

Item 7, C6-4C: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to concur with the Charter Revision Commission's recommendation to include "non-emergency demolition". Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Item 11, C8-14: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to reject the Charter Revision Commission's recommendation to including wording that recognizes the fire departments in the charter. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This eliminates the Charter Revision Commission recommendation.

Item 18: First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to reject the Charter Revision Commission's recommendation to have the Public Utilities Commission as an appointed board. Voting in favor of the motion: Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Voting against the motion. First Selectman Knickerbocker. Motion passed. This eliminates the Charter Revision Commission recommendation.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to authorize the publication of the Charter recommendations as prescribed. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary

