



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 6, 2014
7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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.

Public Comments: None

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight’s agenda, under New Business, as Item # 1 – Consideration of recommendation from the Energy Commission to award an energy and water conservation contract.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight’s agenda under New Business, # 6 – Consideration of Parks & Recreation – parking passes. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Correspondence: None

Minutes of April 15, 2014 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 April 22, 2014 Special Meeting: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes with the amendment

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that First Selectman Knickerbocker's motion was not to reject the Charter Revision Commission's recommendation to have the Public Utilities Commission as an appointed board but rather, the motion was to approve the Charter Revision Commission's recommendation. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This does not change the result of the vote by the Board of Selectmen on the Charter Revision Commission's recommendation on the Public Utilities Commission.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that work continues on the Walnut Hill Bridge; they are on schedule for the end of the month. Concrete has been laid but needs to cure, then the asphalt and guardrails can be installed, in the meanwhile, grading is underway to bring up the roadway to the bridge deck. He noted that the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget referendum is scheduled for May 15th with voting hours of 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

New Business

1.) Consideration of recommendation from the Energy Commission to award a contract for a Third Party Consultant.

William Cratty, Chairman of the Energy Commission was present at the meeting and advised the Board of Selectmen that the commission had solicited Request for Qualifications for companies, as a Third Party Consultant, to monitor/oversee the work associated with the energy savings projects identified by the Ameresco. They have recommended that Peregrine Energy Group be awarded the contract as the town's representative.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to award the contract to Peregrine Energy Group as the town's representative, subject to Town Counsel approval of the contract. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to authorize the First Selectman to negotiate an energy services agreement with Ameresco. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Costs associated with the award of the Contract to Peregrine Energy Group are anticipated to come from the energy savings.

2.) Consideration of request – Chamber of Commerce – Summer Festival

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First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce to close School Street from noon on Saturday, July 12th and all day on July 13, 2014, subject to the concurrent approval by the Police Commission for the 2014 Summer Festival and completion of the Facility Use Agreement. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of Ordinance – Overnight Parking – establish date of Public Hearing

Selectmen agreed that since any new provision to Chapter 107 – Vehicles and Traffic would require a Public Hearing, it would be appropriate to have the entire ordinance reviewed.

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table the (new) provision for Overnight Parking and refer it, along with the existing ordinance, to the Police Commission for review and recommendation back to the Board of Selectmen. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of potential Land Purchase – 46 Long Meadow Lane

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to authorize the First Selectman to negotiate with the owner of 46 Long Meadow Lane as to the possibility of an easement, Right-of-way or sale to the Town of Bethel. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

5.) Consideration of donation of land - Habitat for Humanity – Turkey Plain Road property

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Bethel accept the offer to obtain ownership of 9.768 acres of located on Turkey Plan Road, owned by Habitat for Humanity and, that this matter be referred to the Board of Finance for approval of the same pursuant to C6-4.C of the Charter, and to the Planning & Zoning Commission, under the provisions of Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes for their comment and report. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

6.) Consideration of Parks & Recreation – parking passes

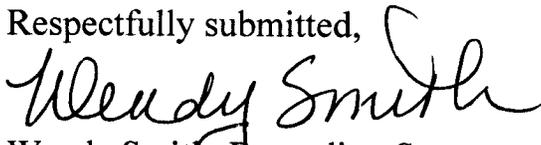
Selectman Szatkowski expressed concern over Park & Recreation's decision to charge non-residents a parking fee without having Board of Selectmen consent. First Selectman

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Knickerbocker advised that Parks & Recreation has been invited to come to the next meeting; they will have a survey of surrounding towns' residency policies, their proposal, fees, etc.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary