



# 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, June 3, 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.

**Public Comments:** None

**Correspondence:** None that was not already on tonight's agenda

**Minutes of May 20, 2014 Regular Meeting:** Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Minutes of May 28, 2014 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 noted that the Community Market opens its 4<sup>th</sup> season this Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. on the Municipal Center lawn; the focus this year, in addition to the regular farmers and various vendors is the addition of new and innovative food/food trucks. He noted that the postcards are being prepped for town wide mailing to residents informing them of the budget referendum on June 12<sup>th</sup>. He provided an update on the Walnut Hill Bridge in that paving has started

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although the bridge will not be open to traffic until the guardrails have been installed; the state is anticipating a few more weeks.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, under Old Business, # 1 – Cancellation of Special Town Meeting – Habitat for Humanity. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### **Old Business**

#### **1.) Consideration of cancellation of Special Town Meeting – Habitat for Humanity Land Donation**

Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to cancel the Special Town Meeting, previously scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> for the Habitat for Humanity land donation. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. A new date will be established after the Board of Finance meets.

### **New Business**

#### **1.) Consideration of appointment(s) of special counsel(s) – Zoning Board of Appeals, employee representation and conflict of interest.**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Attorney Chuck Andres of Leclair Ryan as counsel for the Zoning Board of Appeals, appoint Attorney Chris Leonard of Collins and Hannafin to represent the Zoning Enforcement Official and to appoint Attorney Nicholas Vitti of Cacace, Tusch & Santagata as deputy town counsel. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

#### **2.) Consideration of appointment – Police Commission**

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Richard H. Barton, Sr. (R) to the Police Commission. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This fills the vacancy created by the death of Commissioner Hugo Greco.

#### **3.) Consideration of Tax Collector's request for Tax Refund Authorization**

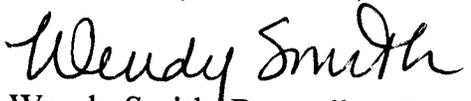
First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated June 3, 2014 to authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$31,223.40. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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As there was no further business on today's agenda, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary