



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 18, 2014  
7:30 p.m. or immediately following the Special Town Meeting  
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

**PRESENT:** First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance were Town Counsel Martin Lawlor and Comptroller Robert Kozlowski.

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance:** First Selectman Knickerbocker called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

**Public Comments:** None

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

**Minutes of October 21, 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.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to amend Item # 8 and approve the minutes of November 12, 2014 to include *"and to remove the three items from a vote at the December 2, 2014 Town Meeting to a machine vote pursuant to CGS 7-7 with each item to be voted upon separately by a YES or NO vote."* Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**First Selectman Report:** First Selectman Knickerbocker noted that paving continues on Codfish, Garella and Maple Row. Work continues on the sidewalk replacement project at the Municipal Center although the contractor anticipates holding off on the front stairs until spring due to the cold weather.

**Consideration of request – use of town roads for Gran Fondo Bike Tour (previously approved for Clarke Business Park)**

Thomas Carruthers presented the Board of Selectmen with a plan to hold a Gran Fondo Bike Tour in October of 2015. This event would require the use of town roadways, the municipal center, closure of certain roads, etc.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to refer the request to the Police Commission (Traffic Authority), the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Chamber of Commerce for their recommendation and review. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Consideration of use of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 LoCIP Funds towards Library Construction Project**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to authorize the use of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 LoCIP Funds, in the amount of \$119,373 toward the costs associated with the Library Construction Project. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Establish date for Special Town Meeting – acceptance of Grant – Bethel Town Commercial Center Improvement Plan in the amount of \$290,149.**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add the Acceptance of the Bethel Town Commercial Center Improvement Plan Grant in the amount of \$290,149 to the Call of the Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, December 2, 2014. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Consideration of Resolutions – Application for STEAP grants**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adopt the resolution for application for the STEAP grant as follows:

**WHEREAS,** The Town of Bethel has been invited to apply for a **STEAP** grant with the State of Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS,** it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Bethel make application for **STEAP** grant funding for the following projects:

- 1.) Road repaving of Plumtrees Road, Fleetwood Road, Mansfield

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- 2.) Road and Maple Avenue - \$500,000.
- 3.) Streetscape - Greenwood Avenue - \$500,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Selectmen that the filing of these applications for State of Connecticut **STEAP** funding is hereby approved and that Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman is directed to sign any agreements with the State should either of the above applications be approved.

### **Consideration of Resolution - Municipal Grants-in-Aid**

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Municipal Grants-in-Aid Certification, to be used in fiscal years ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary