

TOWN OF BETHEL
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, December 2, 2014
CLIFFORD J. HURGIN MUNICIPAL CENTER
"General Purpose Room"
7:00 P.M.

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Present: Town Counsel, Martin J. Lawlor, Jr., First Selectman, Matthew S. Knickerbocker, Selectman, Richard C. Straiton, Selectman, Paul R. Szatkowski, Comptroller, Robert Kozlowski, Town Clerk, Lisa Bergh, and Daniel O'Grady, Treasurer.

Call to Order: First Selectman, Matthew S. Knickerbocker called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Town Clerk, Lisa Bergh read the call (see attached).

Motion to accept the call made by Joe Schaad, the motion was seconded by Wendy Smith. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Wendy Smith made a motion to nominate First Selectman, Matthew Knickerbocker as Moderator. The motion was seconded by David Olson. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Town Counsel, Martin Lawlor read Resolution#1 (see attached). The motion was accepted by Nancy Ryan, seconded by Robert Stowell.

Discussion:

M. Connolly- Inquired as to whether this was a grant.

Janice Chrzescijanek, Director of Economic Development- Yes, this is a grant for downtown improvements.

Billy Michael- Asked for specifics, benches, sidewalks, lighting and a gathering place.

Frank Infurcia- Commented that none of this money is free, even if it is coming from the State, it is taxpayer money.

David Glahn- Parents are finding it hard to fund sneakers for their children.

John Kelly made a motion to move the question, that motion was seconded by Wendy Smith. Vote taken, question moved.

A vote was taken on main motion, motion approved.

Town Counsel Lawlor read Resolution #2 (see attached). Accepted David Olson, seconded by Nancy Ryan.

Discussion:

Water/Sewer rates and project scope were discussed and questioned by the following audience members:

Robert Stowell
Cynthia McCorkindale
Billy Michael
Kurt Dehoff
Doug Griffin
Mary Connolly
James Murphy
Shani Burke-Specht
Hank Karl
Glen Damota

Discussion was ended.

Town Counsel, Lawlor read Resolution #3 (see attached).

Bill Hillman made a motion to accept, Wendy Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Jim Daylor representing Ameresco, assisted by Chairman of the Energy Commission William Cratty explained the project.

Questions/comments were made regarding the financing, equipment, scope of the plan for and against the project by:

Judy Novachek
Frank Infurcia
Billy Michael
Bill Hillman

Questions/comments were made regarding leasing and contracts by:
Cynthia McCorkindale
Kurt Dehoff
Frank Infurcia

Judy Novachek inquired as to whether or not an energy audit was done and if it was available to read.

Jeff Kenausis spoke of the environmental factors of the project.

Shani Burke-Specht asked Jim Daylor if Ameresco had contracted with other Municipalities.

Jim Daylor noted Cheshire, Farmington, Bloomfield, Bristol, Hartford Housing Authority, and New Haven Housing Authority. They have been or currently are involved with 8-10 projects.

Comptroller Robert Kozlowski explained the leasing agreement, and pointed out that the lease would be less expensive than bonding.

Kurt Dehoff- Inquired about a code generation project.

Glen Demota and Bob Andrews spoke

Cynthia McCorkindale asked if this project went out to bid.

Shani Burke Specht asked if using local tradesmen was in the plan.

Those making comments regarding the project were Nancy Ryan, Frank Infurcia, Tim Beeble, and Frank Hislop, Lisa Bergh, and Mike Gribbin.

A motion to end discussion was made by Bill Hillman, that motion was seconded by Wendy Smith.

Town Counsel Martin Lawlor read Resolution #4 (see attached). A motion to accept the resolution was made by John Kelly, the motion was seconded by Wendy Smith.

Discussion:

John Kelly, Bill Hillman, Doug Griffin, David Glahn, Mary Ann Khula, John Menti, Cynthia McCorkindale, Billy Michael, Kathy Murphy, Bob Legnard, Kurt Dehoff, James Murphy, John Holbrook, Ann Cleary, Glen Demota, Brian Humes, Architect, Frank Infurcia, Lisa Bergh, Captain David Brukenenthal, Lt.

Kevin Kennedy, Larry Craybas, Shani Burke-Specht, and Roberta Allen made comments regarding the construction, the requested funding, project plans, problems with the current building and location of the proposed building.

Lisa Bergh made a motion to end discussion; the motion was seconded by Bob Legnard. Motion was approved.

Town Counsel Martin Lawlor read Resolution #5 (see attached).
A motion to accept Resolution #5 by Bob Legnard, the motion seconded by Wendy Smith.

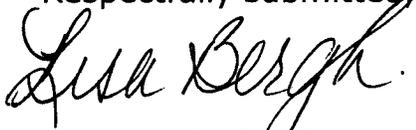
A vote to approve December 9, 2014 as the date of referendum on Resolution # 2, 3, and 4 was accepted.

Town Counsel Martin Lawlor read Resolution #6 (see attached).
A motion to accept Resolution #6 made by Bob Legnard and seconded by Wendy Smith.

A vote to approve the hours of 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM as the hours of voting was accepted.

Meeting adjourned to machine vote on December 9, 2014, at 10:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Bergh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

Lisa Bergh, CCTC
Bethel Town Clerk

**WARNING
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL, CONNECTICUT**



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The Legal Voters of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut, and those persons entitled to vote therein, are notified to assemble at a Special Town Meeting to be held in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center – General Purpose Room, 1 School Street, Bethel, Connecticut 06801 on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes, to wit:

- 1.) To consider and take action upon a resolution as recommended by the Bethel Board of Selectmen to accept the State of Connecticut, Main Street Investment Fund Program Grant Award in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Thousand One Hundred Forty Nine (\$290,149.00) Dollars for the Bethel Town Commercial Center Improvement Plan with the Town of Bethel's financial share totaling Thirty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Eight (\$38,938.00) Dollars consisting of in-kind/contribution-services and cash expenditures by the Town of Bethel.
- 2.) To consider and take action upon a recommendation of the Bethel Board of Selectmen and approved by the Bethel Board of Finance, pursuant to recommendations from the Bethel Public Utilities Commission, to appropriate a sum not to exceed Two Million Four Hundred Thousand (\$2,400,000.00) Dollars for the funding and construction of the "Eureka Water Storage Tank" to be located at 37 Long Ridge Road, Danbury, CT. Said funding shall come from bonding, bond anticipatory notes, temporary borrowing and/or other appropriation as recommended by the Bethel Board of Finance to be reduced by any available grants obtained by the Town of Bethel and/or the Bethel Public Utilities Commission, if any. Payment for the appropriated sums shall be made by the water account users of the Bethel Public Utilities Commission.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute § 7-7, the Bethel Board of Selectmen by resolution on November 12, 2014 have removed this Item No. 2, funding for the construction of the "Eureka Water Storage Tank" from vote by the body of this Special Town Meeting and adjourned this vote to a Town wide machine vote

to be held on the date as established by the body of the Special Town Meeting between the hours of twelve o'clock noon (12:00) PM and eight o'clock (8:00) PM unless the body of this Special Town Meeting approves earlier hours for the opening of the Town wide machine vote pursuant to Connecticut General Statute § 7-9b.

- 3.) To consider and take action upon a recommendation of the Bethel Board of Selectmen and approved by the Bethel Board of Finance to appropriate a sum not to exceed Four Million Three Hundred Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two (\$4,305,492.00) Dollars to finance an approve an Energy Services Agreement with Ameresco, Inc. for the Town of Bethel's buildings, including school buildings at the Deakin Education Park. Said funding shall be in the form of a Tax Exempt Lease Purchase and Security Agreement to be acquired by the Town of Bethel.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute § 7-7, the Bethel Board of Selectmen by resolution on November 12, 2014 have removed this Item No. 3, funding and approval for the Energy Services Agreement with Ameresco, Inc. from vote by the body of this Special Town Meeting and adjourned this vote to a Town wide machine vote to be held on the date as established by the body of the Special Town Meeting between the hours of twelve o'clock noon (12:00) PM and eight o'clock (8:00) PM unless the body of this Special Town Meeting approves earlier hours for the opening of the Town wide machine vote pursuant to Connecticut General Statute § 7-9b.

- 4.) To consider and take action upon a recommendation of the Bethel Board of Selectmen and approved by the Bethel Board of Finance to appropriate a sum not to exceed Fourteen Million One Hundred Thousand (\$14,100,000) Dollars for the funding to complete the design and construction of a Police Station complex located at the corner of Judd Avenue and Dodgingtown Road (Route 302), Bethel, CT. Said funding shall come from bonding, bond anticipatory notes, temporary borrowing and/or other appropriation as recommended by the Bethel Board of Finance, to be reduced by any available grants obtained by the Town of Bethel, if any.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute § 7-7, the Bethel Board of Selectmen by resolution on November 12, 2014 have removed this Item No. 4, funding to complete the design and construction of a Police Station complex from vote by the body of this Special Town Meeting and adjourned this vote to a Town wide machine vote to be held on the date as established by this body of the Special Town Meeting between the hours of twelve o'clock noon (12:00) PM and eight o'clock (8:00) PM unless the body of this Special Town Meeting approves earlier hours for the opening of the Town wide machine vote pursuant to Connecticut General Statute § 7-7.

Design renderings of the "Police Station Project" are available for review during normal business hours at the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street, Bethel, CT.

5.) To take any and all action legally necessary or appropriate to accomplish the above intended results.

Dated at Bethel, CT this 12th day of November 2014.

BETHEL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman
Richard C. Straiton, Selectman
Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

MOTIONS
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5.) SHALL THE DATE of the machine vote for Items 2, 3 & 4 take place on Tuesday, December 9, 2014?

6.) SHALL THE POLLING HOURS of the machine vote for Items 2, 3 & 4 take place from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM?