

PUBLIC SITE & BUILDING COMMISSION

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
1 School Street
Bethel, CT 06801

Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 29, 2015

8:00 pm

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room “B”

PRESENT: Chair Jon Menti, Vice Chair Nancy Ryan, Deno Gualtieri, Jim Palmer, James Naddeo, John Perna, Bob Durkin and Jim Lacey

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Charles C. Van Zanten (Hawley Construction Corporation)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Menti called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Nancy Ryan made a motion, seconded by Deno Gualtieri, to table the approval of the meeting minutes for the January 13, 2015 regular meeting until the next PSBC meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

South Street Fire Station

Nothing new to report.

Police Station Project

- Chair Menti passed out a letter from First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker. The letter was directed to the Police Commission asking for a member of the Police Commission to join the Public Site and Building Commission as an ad hoc member for the Police Station project.
- Concerning the collaborative proposal to expand and renovate the existing Police Station for the Town of Bethel presented at the last meeting by Paul Trippi, of The Morganti Group, and Kurt Verdi, Verdi Construction Company, Chair Menti had requested a list of public safety building projects worked on by Moganti, Verdi and the Design Consultant be provided for our review. No one from The Morganti Group or Verdi Construction Company attended the meeting to present this information.

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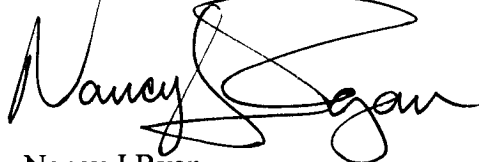
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- General discussion followed concerning how to move forward with the Police Station project.

AJOURNED:

Nancy Ryan made a motion, seconded by Deno Gualtieri, to adjourn the meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ryan".

Nancy J Ryan
Vice Chair PSBC



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January 15, 2015

Mr. Mike Duff
Chairman, Bethel Police Commission
c/o Bethel Police Department
49 Plumtrees Road
Bethel, CT 06801

Dear Mike,

As I am sure you have been made aware by now, at last Tuesday's meeting of the Public Site and Building Committee, a new proposal for renovating and expanding the current police station was offered by the Morganti Construction Company in conjunction with the Verdi architectural group. Additionally, the committee also heard extensive comments from members of the public, some advocating for bringing the police station proposal to another vote in its present state; others advocating strongly for changes to the station's specifications.

The Police Commission will now need to assume an active leadership role in bringing this proposal or a modified proposal back to the public for a vote. The Board of Selectmen has put forth the original proposal as specified by the Bethel Police Commission in 2005, but it would be highly inappropriate for that board to consider any alterations in building specifications. Only the Police Commission has that authority.

I would respectfully request that as Chair, you solicit a volunteer from the Commission to assume a seat as a participating member of the PSBC, along with the Sgt. Durkin (can be you, if you prefer). Please make this selection and forward the name to my office as soon as possible for formal appointment by the Board of Selectmen. I would also suggest that the Commission establish a timeline for joint meetings with the PSBC to evaluate the various recommendations and proposals, as well as select a spokesman (if other than you personally) to present the Commission's findings and recommendations at the public hearings and town meetings that must follow to bring this to another vote. The Board of Selectmen will be ready to move forward with another vote following formal approval of these elements by the Bethel Police Commission.

Thank you kindly for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to assisting you and the Commission in moving this critical project forward.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Knickerbocker
First Selectman

CC: Board of Selectmen

M. Lawlor, Town Attorney

J. Finch, Chief of Police J. Menti, Chair, PSBC