

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Town of Bridgewater, CT
Tuesday, June 14, 2016
7:00pm
Draft Minutes

Present: Curtis Read, Alan Brown

Absent: Leo Null

Guests: Members of the public

Mr. Read called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2016, seconded by Mr. Read. All in favor, motion carries. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Board of Selectmen meeting from May 12, 2016, seconded by Mr. Read. All in favor, motion carries. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Special Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from May 27, 2016, seconded by Mr. Read. All in favor, motion carries. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2016, Board of Selectmen Special Meeting, seconded by Mr. Read. All in favor, motion carries.

Mr. Brown made a motion to add to appointments an Inland Wetlands Alternate position, seconded by Mr. Read. All in favor, motion carries.

Public Comment:

Lisa Burns spoke about the need for sufficient information on meeting agendas so that the public will be well informed in order to participate. She questioned why each agenda on the item was listed as actionable. Nancy Hawley concurred that she noticed that each item was listed as actionable as well.

Mr. Read stated he agreed that each item should not have been actionable. He stated that the Board will try to be clearer with the agendas. Nancy Hawley stated that the Board of Finance has also been asked to be more specific with their agendas.

Lisa Burns also suggested that the Town adopt a policy and procedures manual for the sale of the town-owned properties. Ms. Burns also offered an example from a town in Massachusetts.

Bud Allen stated that he believes that the Town should not sell the property it owns in the area of Landmark Estates because it was donated to the Town to be used as a town park.

Correspondence:

Region 12 Superintendent Pat Consentino (see attached)
Scott Bushee from CT DOT (see attached)
Colin Brown (see attached)
William T Stuart (see attached)
Diane Belford (see attached)

Resignations:

Richard Hinlicky – Constable (effective June 30, 2016 - see attached)

Vacancies: See under “Appointments”

Appointments:

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate – Mr. Read read a letter from Susan Patrick regarding her interest in serving on the Board. Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Susan Patrick as a Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate, seconded by Mr. Read. All in favor, motion carries.

Lake Lillinonah Authority Officers and Assistants – Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint the Lake Lillinonah Authority Officers and Assistants as submitted by G. Petriccione from the Lake Lillinonah Authority (see attached), seconded by Mr. Read. All in favor, motion carries.

Inland/Wetlands Alternate – Mr. Read read a letter from Dirk Feather regarding his interest in serving as an Inlands/Wetlands Alternate. Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Dirk Feather to the Conservation Inlands/Wetlands Commission as an alternate, seconded by Mr. Read. All in favor, motion carries.

Tax Refunds: None

Tax Collector's Report: Read for the record

Treasurer's Report: Not submitted

Mr. Read stated that the Town should be expecting a slight budget surplus for the 2015/2016 fiscal year

Litchfield County Dispatch (LCD) Contract:

See attached. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the LCD Service Contract for the 2016/2017 fiscal year and to authorize payment for the first installment for the new fiscal year, seconded by Mr. Read. All in favor, motion carries.

Town-Owned Properties:

Mr. Read stated that the Town has worked with appraisers and engineers regarding two Town-owned properties on Mine Hill and Landmark. Mr. Read stated that if the properties were sold, the Town could add the revenue to its Land Acquisition Fund. The Mine Hill property was appraised for approximately \$200,000 and the Landmark property was appraised for approximately \$800,000. Mr. Read stated that the selectmen would have an informational meeting and then a Town meeting in order to discuss and vote on the potential sale of the properties.

Chip Sealing Project:

The selectmen reviewed pricing estimates from the Gorman Group for various chip sealing road projects around the town. See attached.

Grange Hall Update:

Mr. Read stated that he had a meeting with State agency employees, a structural engineer, and a contractor regarding rebuilding the Grange. Members of the public expressed concerns about parking and handicap parking and accessibility to the Grange.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn at 8:18pm, seconded by Mr. Read. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh DiBella
Assistant Town Clerk