

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Town of Bridgewater, CT  
Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7:00pm  
Draft Minutes

Present: Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Nancy Hawley

Guests: Members of the public

Mr. Read called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes from April 18<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, motion carries.

*Ms. Hawley made a motion to add the setting of the Annual Town Meeting to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Brown. All in favor, motion carries*

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Resignations:**

Rebecca Devine – Regional Board of Education

Kathryn Krigsman-Devine – Board of Assessment Appeals & Deputy Registrar of Voters

**Vacancies:**

Inlands/Wetlands – No action taken

**Appointments:** None

**Set Annual Town Meeting:**

Mr. Read made a motion to set the Annual Town Meeting for Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Burnham School, seconded by Mr. Brown. Ms. Hawley asked that the meeting minutes reflect that she would have preferred the meeting on a different day, as she will be out of town. Mr. Read stated the date has already been advertised and the Board of Finance has been notified of that date. Ms. Hawley understood the reasons and stated she would abstain from the vote. Mr. Read and Mr. Brown voted in favor, Ms. Hawley abstained. Motion carries.

**Tax Refunds:**

Mr. Brown moved to approve the tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor motion carries.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Read for the record

**Treasurer's Report:** Read for the record

**Corporate Resolution to Change RAC Bank Accounts from Bank of America to Union Savings Bank:**

Mr. Read stated that the Town received notification from Bank of America that they would no longer handle the accounts for Regional Animal Control (RAC) and therefore, the Town has decided to transfer the accounts to Union Savings Bank. The Town has consulted with all RAC member towns and all have given their consent to this change.

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the resolution to open the accounts for RAC at Union Savings Bank with Curtis Read, Dawn Sullivan, and Susan Wilcox as signatories and to close the accounts at Bank of America, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, motion carries.

**Legal Opinion Regional School District 12 Plan to Combine Grades at the Burnham School/Regional Plan:**

Mr. Read presented the selectmen with a legal opinion regarding the proposed changes to Burnham School's structure and how that relates to the regional plan. Mr. Read said that the opinion states that the proposed changes may be considered a change in the regional plan. Mr. Read also stated that if Burnham and Booth shared classes, that would also likely be considered a change in the regional plan.

**Town Construction Update:**

Mr. Read presented the selectmen with brick samples for the chimney and hearth at the pavilion. Mr. Read stated that he expected the construction to be completed at the pavilion by the end of May and landscaping in June. The renovations to the Senior Center are expected to be completed by mid-May and that they are waiting for warmer weather to finish the pillars on the front of the library.

**Bike Friendly Program:**

Mr. Read stated that Colin Daulong, who grew up in Bridgewater has presented the idea of making Bridgewater more bike-friendly as a way to attract younger people and families to the town. The Western Connecticut Council of Governments has offered to assist in the process and the land trusts and nature preserves in town will be involved, as well. The selectmen agreed that this was a good idea

**Old Business:**

Capital Projects Budget – Mr. Read presented the selectmen with certain capital projects. Ms. Hawley made a motion to approve \$97,000 for the capital projects budget – \$65,000 for a mower, \$20,000 for a salt shed roof, and 12,000 for a Kubota, seconded by Mr. Brown. All in favor, motion carries.

Joshua Heights – Mr. Read informed the selectmen of the status of the Joshua Heights project.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh DiBella  
Assistant Town Clerk