



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

### Regular Meeting August 28, 2018

**Attendance:** Selectmen Angus McDonald, Duane Gates, and Bill Burdick, Margo Hilfinger and John Greene (*videography*), Robin O'Loughlin, Jane Samuels.

### **Call to Order:**

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by McDonald.

### **Approve Minutes From Regular Meeting Held August 14, 2018:**

Burdick moved, Gates 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the meeting minutes of August 14, 2018.

APPROVED 3 – 0

### **John Morrison/Connecticut Sign:**

McDonald explained that Mr. Morrison had purchased the 500 building from the Town in 2016, that he had been negotiating with Dick Smith for some time prior to the purchase, and that he has been concerned about the property taxes he is paying versus what he believes was negotiated. Mr. Morrison contacted McDonald prior to the meeting to let him know that he would not be able to attend this meeting and asked that the item be tabled to the next Board of Selectman's meeting.

Gates moved, Burdick 2<sup>nd</sup>, to table the item until the next Board of Selectman meeting.

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**Appointment of Russell Marth to Economic Development Commission:**

McDonald explained that Russ Marth has attended EDC meetings for the past three months. McDonald expressed that it was his understanding that Mr. Marth had already been appointed, but that no record has been found.

Gates moved, Burdick 2<sup>nd</sup>, to appoint Russell Marth to the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire December 1, 2018.

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**Audience of Citizens – Any other business to come before the board:**

Jane Samuels asked if, with the advancing climate change, the Town is prepared for more extreme winter weather. McDonald explained that we are as prepared as we can be, other than increasing the budget to accommodate additional manpower and equipment. Ms. Samuels asked about the amount of sand and salt that the Town keeps on hand and McDonald explained that the salt shed holds enough sand and salt to handle three “normal” storms.

- McDonald explained that the Town had just finalized the purchase of a new large plow truck for a cost of \$160,000.
- McDonald stated that the repaving of a section of Riverview Avenue had begun with a hoped for completion date of Friday.
- McDonald informed the Board that he is making application for LoCIP funds to reimburse the Town for the cost of replacing the Transfer Station Trash Compactor and the security cameras at Plattwood and Devitt Field. This reimbursement should result in approximately \$57,500 coming back to the Town.
- McDonald reminded everyone that school is starting on Thursday and asked them to be careful.
- Burdick reminded McDonald of a meeting scheduled for 5:00 Wednesday evening at the Town Hall.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to discuss, Burdick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Gates seconded. McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

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