



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

Regular Meeting September 25, 2018

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

Call to Order:

This regular meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by McDonald.

Approve Minutes From Regular Meeting Held September 11, 2018:

Burdick moved, Gates 2nd, to accept the meeting minutes of September 11, 2018.

APPROVED 3 – 0

John Morrison/Connecticut Sign:

Mr. Morrison was not in attendance.

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

APPROVED 3 – 0

Economic Development Commission budget proposal:

McDonald noted that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) has been active over the past few months and that the members have requested consideration of a budget line in order for them to move forward with efforts such as update and upkeep of a website. McDonald explained that when the EDC was created by ordinance in 1964 an annual appropriation was set at not more than one twentieth of one percent of the last completed grand list. Whether that number is any longer appropriate was discussed as was the advantages that an active EDC provides.

Gates moved, Burdick 2nd, to move to the Board of Finance a request to appropriate a reasonable amount, up to the amount set by ordinance.

APPROVED 3 – 0

Discuss and act on transfers and additional appropriations for the 2017-2018 budget:

McDonald presented memos of September 25, 2018 for review and discussion, noting history of budget development, receipt of funds from the State at the end of the last fiscal year of approximately \$200,000, DRES under-expended at year end by \$119,700, and \$112,000 in supplemental revenue increases generated primarily by collection of taxes in arrears, interest and lien fees, and motor vehicle supplements. Anticipated \$460,000 total surplus by end of this fiscal year, which is held in the UGF.

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

Jane Samuels asked what department managed the use of the Town Landing and whether it was rented. McDonald explained that the landing and the parks were managed by the Parks and Recreation Dept., and were rented. Ms. Samuels asked who paid for the police presence and McDonald told her that the person or people renting the space pay for the police. Ms. Samuels asked if the Parks and Recreation Dept. kept a calendar of events and McDonald answered that as far as he knew, there is a calendar of events kept up to date by the office of Parks and Recreation.

Adjournment:

With no other business to discuss, at 7:07 pm, Gates moved, Burdick 2nd, to stay in session through the Board of Finance meeting in order to take budget action if necessary.

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Gates exited meeting at 7:15 pm. Burdick moved, McDonald 2nd, to adjourn the Board of Selectman's meeting at 8:44 pm.

APPROVED 2 - 0