



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## RICHARD H. SMITH TOWN HALL

### Regular Meeting May 14, 2019

#### Attendance:

Selectmen Angus McDonald, Duane Gates and Jim Olson, Margo Hilfinger and John Greene (*videography*), Anthony Bolduc, Gary Clark, Augusto Lucarelli, Jane Samuels, Ron Larson, Mike DiNello, Paul Malcarne, Carol Libby, Walter Adametz, Ben Whelan, Nicholas Olson, Eileen Richard, Jerry Richard, Janice Ehlemeyer, Joan Nichols, Kristen Chasse, Joseph Henry Nevins V, Karen Baldwin, Bud Eckenroth, Kate Cryder, Mark Reyher and others.

#### Call to Order:

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

#### Approve minutes from Regular Meeting held on April 23, 2019:

Gates moved, Olson 2<sup>nd</sup>, to accept the meeting minutes of Regular Meeting held on April 23, 2019.

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#### Appointments:

McDonald recommended the following appointments be made and after a brief introduction of each candidate Olson moved, Gates 2<sup>nd</sup> the following appointments be made:

##### Design Advisory Board:

Mike Cole

Term to expire: 12/01/2020

##### Economic Development Commission:

Sage Novak

Term to expire: 12/01/2021

##### WPCA:

Edward Sedgwick

Term to expire: 12/01/2020

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**Kevin Wakely: Discussion of Boarding Facility Income and Expense Survey for Calendar Year 2018:**

McDonald introduced Kevin Wakely, who in turn, introduced Joan Nichols, Director of Member Relations and Community Outreach for the Connecticut Farm Bureau and asked that Ms. Nichols be allowed to make a presentation. Ms. Nichols distributed to the Selectmen three publications regarding Connecticut's agricultural industry, planning for agriculture, and public act 490. Ms. Nichols introduced herself and the Ct. Farm Bureau and spoke at length about the economic benefits that farms bring to a community and efforts around the state to encourage the development of agriculture. A lengthy discussion between the Board of Selectmen, Ms. Nichols, and members of the audience followed. McDonald stated that he would look into the authorization of the Income and Expense Survey and whether or not an extension was possible and promised to inform Mr. Wakely of his findings on or before Friday. Mr. Wakely distributed to the Selectmen a packet that included a highlighted version of PA 490, the Income and Expense Survey, a highlighted version of the Deep River Plan of Conservation and Development, and copies of examples of other communities resolutions to not tax horses.

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

McDonald listed the schedule of upcoming Budget and Town Meetings.

McDonald explained that he had been in communication and meetings with RiverCOG planners and director regarding the replacement of retiring ZEO Cathie Jefferson and that he was recommending an ad hoc committee to prepare advertising and interviews of potential candidates. McDonald recommended that the First Selectman, the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the P&Z, Torrance Downes (senior planner and the regional planning agency), and Chris Costa, (ZEO at Old Saybrook and Chair of the Certification Committee at the CT Association of Zoning Enforcement Officers).

McDonald explained that if the Town is unable to hire a ZEO by July 1 then COG will provide a temporary ZEO as they have for other member towns.

McDonald explained that he had been working with the NEEC toward an energy efficiency plan for the Town Hall, the Library, and the Elementary School and that appears to be coming to fruition and may move forward soon at a net zero cost.

Mr. Baldwin introduced and thanked four members of the Future Farmers of America for attending the meeting.

Mr. DiNello spoke about speeding on Main Street, introduced a petition signed by over 200 people, spoke about statistics gathered, and asked what progress was being made to address the situation. McDonald explained that Main Street is a State Highway and the Town has limited ability to address this without State consent. McDonald spoke about his efforts and Mr. DiNello asked McDonald to contact the State and call for a meeting. McDonald agreed to copy Mr. DiNello on his correspondence.

**Adjournment:**

Olson moved, Gates 2<sup>nd</sup>, to adjourn the Board of Selectman's meeting at 7:51 pm.