

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018  
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING - 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Leo Paul, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with Selectmen Jeffrey Zullo, Anne Dranginis and Paul Parsons present. Jonathan Torrant arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion: J. Zullo moved and A. Dranginis seconded a motion to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 17, 2018. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments

Gary Gillman, 208 West Street, Litchfield, asked when the sale, purchase or transfer agreement to the Housing Trust would be available for review.

Anne Haas, 74 Vanderpoel Avenue, Bantam, was concerned about the Selectmen's priorities in giving a \$500 budget to the Economic Development Commission and yet can spend \$19,000 on a Town Hall Review Committee when it is the fourth time around looking at a Town Hall, which obviously seems to be something the public and taxpayers don't want. She also wanted to know if we are making the public aware of the fact that selling the Annex will force the residents to need a new town hall, and if there isn't something a little devious about putting the two of them together. She asked where the Town employees would be relocated to if the Annex is sold.

Selectmen's Requests: Motion: J. Zullo moved to remove New Business Items b, c, and d and table them until the May 15, 2018 meeting. A. Dranginis seconded, and noted she could not attend the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried.

Resignations: None

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments: None

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 4/9/18 Board of Finance minutes; 3/27/18 and 4/24/18 Conservation Commission minutes; 3/28/17 EDC minutes; 4/12/18 WPCA minutes; 4/11/18 Wetlands minutes; 3/19/18 P&Z minutes; 4/4/18 Board of Education minutes (draft)

Green Team Update: J. Zullo said they met today and are finalizing the dashboard for the end of 2017 and compiling missing data. John Post will contact Raz Alexe to identify bidders for the lighting project using the Bright Idea grant. He said they recently earned an Energy Star award for Center School and a plaque has been installed. He invited the First Selectman and Board to a ceremony the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>. He then said they will have John Martin, architect for the Town Hall Review Committee, work with them to evaluate and identify modern energy options for the town hall plans under study. One of the boilers at the High School and windows on the Center School will be replaced. A grant will be available for charging stations for electric vehicles through the State of Connecticut and Volkswagon in the amount of about \$8 million. They would like to write the grant and determine how many public and/or private charging stations can be used in Litchfield.

Town Hall Review Committee Update: J. Zullo reported they are working on getting estimates using John Martin's statement of work. They should have three or four solid estimates with one from a construction manager and two from construction estimating consultants. John Martin will also do another estimate based on his analysis, and they should all be ready this month. They will also discuss a Phase I environmental estimate for the courthouse. A. Dranginis brought up an estimate done 20 years ago of \$5 million to make the courthouse code compliant. L. Paul will look for that State document.

Vacancies: The list of current appointed vacancies with term expirations is as follows:

Bantam Lake Authority: 1 member 12/2019

Beautification Commission: 2 regular members 2/2018, 2/2020; 2 alternates 2/2019  
Board of Ethics: 2 alternate members 6/2019, 6/2020  
Cable TV Advisory Council: 1 member 6/2017  
Conservation Commission: 2 alternate members 12/2018  
Inland Wetlands: 1 regular member 2017; 2 alternate members 6/2017  
Litchfield Prevention Council: 1 regular member 6/2019; 2 alternate members- 1-6/2019, 1-6/2020  
Milton Historic District Commission: 3 alternate members 1/2018, 1/2018, 1/2019  
Northwest CT Convention & Visitors Bureau: 1 member 9/2018  
Northwest CT Transit District: 1 member 5/2018  
Park & Recreation: 2 alternate members: 6/2017, 6/2018  
Pension Commission: 1 regular member 2/2020  
Recycling Committee: 1 regular member 2/2018; two alternates 2/2017, 2/2018  
Social Services Board: 1 member 2/2017  
Veteran's Advisory Committee: 2 regular members 8/2016, 8/2018; 2 alternate members 8/2018  
Water Pollution Control Authority: 1 regular member 1/2023; 1 alternate member 1/2021  
Zoning Board of Appeals: 1 regular member 3/2021; 2 alternate members 3/2020

**Tax Refunds:** Motion: P. Parsons moved to approve the 7 tax refunds, for a total of \$1,235.48. J. Tarrant seconded. A. Dranginis questioned the Vault Trust refunds and found they are all from Allied Financial. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

a) **Vote to Approve Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 5/15/18 Re Proposed Sale of Bantam School to Litchfield Housing Trust for Affordable Housing:** Mr. Paul explained there will be a Board of Selectmen's hearing to discuss and entertain questions on the proposed sale of Bantam School to the Litchfield Housing Trust for affordable housing.

Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the Board of Selectmen's public hearing on May 15, 2018, on the proposed sale of the Bantam School to the Litchfield Housing Trust for affordable housing. J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

b) **Award Bid for West Street Drainage and Surface Improvements:** tabled until May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

c) **Award Bid for Center School HVAC Upgrade:** tabled until May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

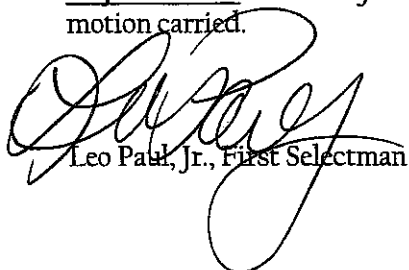
d) **Award Bid for Intermediate School Rubber Stair Treads:** tabled until May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

e) **Sign Call for Annual Budget Meeting – 5/10/18:** L. Paul said he will be away and Paul Parsons will run the meeting. J. Zullo will also be away. Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the call for the Annual Budget Meeting on May 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the LIS Auditorium. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried. All Selectmen signed the call.

f) **Approve Road Closures for Litchfield Hills Road Race 6/10/18:** Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the road closures on June 10<sup>th</sup> for the Litchfield Hills Road Race. A. Dranginis seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:** Motion: J. Tarrant moved to adjourn at 5:49 p.m. and J. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

  
Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman