

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING - 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order: First Selectman Leo Paul, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Selectmen attending were Jeffrey Zullo, Paul Parsons and Jonathan Tarrant. Diane Knox was out of town.

Approval of Minutes: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to adopt the regular October 17, 2017 minutes and P. Parsons seconded. All voted aye except J. Zullo, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: None

Selectmen's Requests: Mr. Paul congratulated the group for its re-election success and shared his pleasure in keeping the Board intact. He said that the Governor is making immediate adjustments to prevent a budget shortfall, but does not know if the Legislature will act in special session or wait until February.

Motion: J. Zullo made a motion to move New Business b) to fall after Resignations, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: J. Tarrant moved to remove Item k) from Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments, and J. Zullo seconded. Mr. Paul explained that the Board of Ed has not yet voted for its recommended representative on the Capital Improvements Committee, and he did not want to make the same mistake as we did in reappointing the Board of Finance rep, only to rescind the appointment after the Board of Finance voted for someone else. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion passed.

J. Tarrant expressed his disappointment in the State DOT garage's new structure built so near the road.

Resignations: None

New Business b): Consider Resolution to Adopt Provisions of PA 17-155, Sec. 1(j) and CGS Sec. 8-2(a) as Amended by PA 17-155, Sec. 2 Concerning Temporary Health Care Structures: Mr. Paul summarized that the Legislature created a bill so that people who have someone incapable of taking care of themselves may erect a trailer-type building for them on their property and connect to water and septic. This bill takes control from the town and makes it hard to manage. Planning and Zoning has voted to make a recommendation to opt out for the following reasons that Town Counsel Mike Rybak read and explained: 1) burden of enforcement, 2) absence of zoning regulations for enforcement, 3) limited water and sewage systems, 4) Historic District restrictions, 5) extensive public watershed supply restrictions, 6) accessory apartment zoning regulations available to accommodate the elderly, mentally and physically impaired, and 7) poorly drained and wetland soil restrictions. Mr. Rybak said enforcement is the overriding concern. Mr. Paul said other communities have opted out for the same reasons in lack of control. In response to J. Zullo's question, Mr. Paul said no one has argued in favor of this public act, and no one attended the public hearing.

Motion: J. Tarrant moved to accept the recommendation that the Planning and Zoning Commission adopted on 10/16/17 to opt out of the provisions of PA 17-155, Sec. 1(j) and CGS Sec. 8-2(a) as amended by PA 17-155, Sec. 2, concerning the installation, construction, erection, placement or use of temporary health care structures in the Town of Litchfield for the reasons stated in the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Second: J. Zullo

Vote: Upon voting, the motion carried unanimously.

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments

a) Interview Beatrice Thompson for Economic Development Commission, alternate 6/2018: Ms Thompson said she works for Altice advertising and has worked with numerous small businesses and knows the struggles they face. Motion: J. Tarrant moved to appoint Beatrice Thompson to the EDC as an alternate with term ending 6/2018. J. Zullo seconded the motion and asked her about her thoughts on economic development on buildings in town. She thought they should work more closely with the landlords to prevent so many vacancies. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried.

b) Interview Erich Marriott for Pension Commission, alternate 3/2019: Mr. Marriott has been in the Finance field for over 20 years. He has worked on Wall Street in New York in research analysis and recently as a research generalist at Bloomberg. He lives in Litchfield and has recently made an unsuccessful run for the Board of Finance, but would like to serve where he can be useful. Motion: J. Zullo moved to appoint Mr. Marriott as above and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

c) Interview Jaime J. Makuc for Prevention Council, alternate, term 6/2020: Ms Makuc said she is a stay at home mom with a three year old daughter and wants to help out in the community. With her master's degree in social work, she thought she could help out on the Prevention Council. Motion: J. Zullo moved to appoint Ms Makuc as above, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

c) Rescind Appointment of David W. Wilson made 10/17/17 to Capital Improvements Committee: Motion: J. Zullo moved to rescind Mr. Wilson's appointment as above, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

d) Appoint Edward Gadomski to Capital Improvements Committee, BOF Appointee, term 11/2019: Motion: J. Zullo moved to appoint Edward Gadomski as above, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

e) Reappoint Michael H. Cicchetti to Interlocal Advisory Board-Bantam Lake Jambs, term 11/2019

f) Reappoint Jonathan Tarrant to Interlocal Advisory Board-Bantam Lake Jambs, term 11/2019

g) Reappoint Raz Alexe to Interlocal Advisory Board-Bantam Lake Jambs, term 11/2019

Motion: J. Zullo moved to reappoint Michael Chicchetti, Jonathan Tarrant and Raz Alexe as above in Items e), f) and g). P. Parsons seconded, all voted aye except for J. Tarrant, who abstained; motion carried.

h) Reappoint Oren Boynton to Bantam Lake Authority, term 12/2020: Motion: J. Zullo moved to reappoint Oren Boynton as above, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

i) Reappoint Cleve Fuessenich to Conservation Commission, term 12/2020: Motion: J. Zullo moved to reappoint Cleve Fuessenich as above, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

j) Reappoint Jennifer Parsons to Sandy Beach Commission, term 12/2020: Motion: J. Zullo moved to reappoint Jennifer Parsons as above, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

k) Reappoint Frank Simone to Capital Improvements Committee, BOE Appointee, term 11/2019: removed from agenda

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 10/11/17 & 11/8/17 Wetlands minutes; 10/19/17 Sandy Beach minutes; 10/12/17 & 11/9/17 WPCA minutes; 9/26/17 & 10/24/17 Conservation minutes; 10/5/17 Design Review Advisory Committee minutes; 9/27/17 & 10/25/17 Economic Development Commission minutes; 10/3/17 ZBA minutes; 10/16/17 P&Z minutes

Green Team Update

a) **\$5,000 Bright Idea Grant:** J. Zullo said the dashboard is almost finalized through the FY 16/17 term and they would like to do an update in December or January and quarterly thereafter. The Bright Idea grant is the second grant received from Eversource, earned from points accrued doing energy audits in town. They would like to use this grant for an LED light upgrade at the Public Works building. They have estimates from the previous round from Greenleaf at \$10,000 or \$12,000, and this grant would offset the cost. Leo suggested going out to bid this time.

Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve moving forward with this and apply the Bright Idea grant to the Public Works LED lighting upgrade. J. Torrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried. J. Zullo asked to have Raz Alexe on the Green Team, but Mr. Paul hesitated because he has so many other responsibilities.

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

Bantam Lake Authority: 1 member 12/2019
Beautification Commission: 1 regular member 2/2020; 2 alternates 2/2019
Board of Ethics: 2 alternate members 6/2019, 6/2020
Cable TV Advisory Council: 1 member 6/2017
Capital Improvements Committee: 1 citizen at large
Conservation Commission: 1 regular members 12/2016; 2 alternate members 12/2018
Inland Wetlands: 1 regular member 2017; 2 alternate members 6/2017
Litchfield 300th Anniversary Executive Committee: 1 regular member
Litchfield Prevention Council: 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 alternate member 3/2019
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 14 tax refunds for a total of \$1,882.45, as recommended by the Tax Collector. J. Torrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

New Business

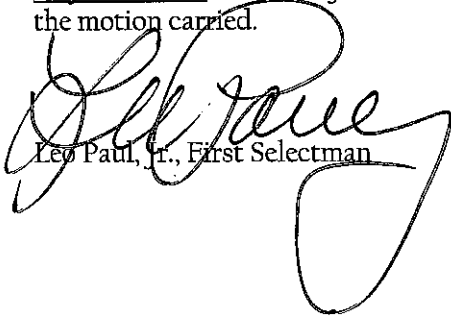
a) **Discuss East Litchfield Fire Mini Pumper Bid:** Mr. Paul said the bid came in \$9,000 higher than available funding. P. Parsons said they try to bid on the base truck with options separately, as usually the funding does not cover everything they want for the truck. This way they can go forward with as much as they can afford. Money (\$5,000) can also be saved by prepaying all, or they can save \$3,000 by paying 75% up front. Stacey Dionne, Finance Department, said that \$18,000 was left over in the apparatus account that can be used to cover the cost, and a transfer can be avoided.

Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the contract value on the new East Litchfield Toyne pumper replacement truck for not to exceed \$249,362.54, with additional funding over and above the approved \$240,000 Capital funding of up to \$9,362.54 from Acct. 60-9516-57444 Equipment Apparatus. J. Torrant seconded. Jon Cattey said they will put the old truck out to bid and have received a Seherr-Thoss grant of \$23,694 to be used for equipment on the truck. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried.

c) Use of Roads for Milton Resolution Road Race 1/1/18: Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the use of roads for the Milton Resolution Road Race on 1/1/2018. J. Torrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

d) Adopt 2018 Selectmen's Meeting Schedule: Motion: J. Zullo moved to adopt the Board of Selectmen's 2018 meeting schedule and J. Torrant seconded.

Adjournment: Motion: J. Torrant moved to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. and J. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman