

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING - 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order: First Selectman Leo Paul called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all Selectmen present: Jonathan Torrant, Diane Knox, Jeffrey Zullo and Paul Parsons.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion:** J. Torrant moved to adopt the regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2014 and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye except J. Zullo, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: None

Selectmen's Requests: L. Paul asked to remove Item d) under New Business, as the bid recommendation is not yet ready. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to remove Item d) "Award Bid for Center School Vinyl Floor Replacement" from the agenda and K. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Paul then asked to add to the agenda under New Business Item d) "Award Bid for Open Channel Comminutor or Channel Grinder and Waive Electrical Permit Fee." **Motion:** P. Parsons moved the request and J. Torrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Paul reminded the Board of the Special Town Meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Litchfield Firehouse. He said they are still working on the 2015 STEAP Grant round and will submit the same three projects previously submitted under the 2014 grant round.

J. Zullo announced the Litchfield Housing Trust is celebrating its 25th anniversary and asked that the Board of Selectmen issue a proclamation of gratitude. There will be an event in early October. He asked Mr. Paul if he would offer a quote for a press release.

Mr. Zullo mentioned the potential regionalization of Litchfield and Region 6 and asked for Litchfield to be proactive with a public hearing so that Jonathan Costa could to relay his findings to the public as he did to the Board of Selectmen, inviting our Board of Education and anyone from Region 6 as well. All agreed and Mr. Paul said he would move forward with this.

D. Knox said Audrey Blondin offered to help to explore options for the Superior Courthouse when it becomes vacant. Mr. Paul said the Town has no say in that. The State has \$6 million put aside to assure a court presence remains in that building. Mr. Paul added that the State intends to vacate the Bantam Courthouse in 2016.

Resignations: None

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments: None

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 8/13/14 Inland Wetlands Commission minutes; 6/25/14 Economic Development Commission minutes; 6/3/14 Zoning Board of Appeals minutes; 8/21/14 Sandy Beach Commission minutes; 8/26/14 Conservation Commission minutes; 8/26/14 Conservation Commission minutes

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

Beautification Commission: 2 regular members 2/2015, 2/2016; 2 alternates 2/2016
Conservation Commission: 1 regular member 12/2016; 2 alternate members 12/2015
Economic Development Commission: One regular member 6/2014; 3 alternate members 6/2015, 6/2016, 6/2017
Litchfield Prevention Council: 3 alternate members, two 6/2016, 6/2017
Milton Historic District Commission: 3 alternate members 1/2015, 1/2015, 1/2019
Northwest Regional Mental Health Board, Catchment Area Council #22, at-large member 5/2015
Park & Recreation: 2 regular members 6/2016, 6/2018; 2 alternate members: 6/2017, 6/2018
Recycling Committee: 4 members, 2/2015, two 2/2016, 2/2017
Town Hall Building Committee: 1 member, 3/2015
Veteran's Advisory Committee: 2 regular members 8/2016, 8/2015; 2 alternate members 8/2015
Water Pollution Control Authority: 1 alternate member 1/2015
Zoning Board of Appeals: 1 regular member 3/2015

Tax Refunds: None

Transfers: None

Old Business: None

New Business

a) **Litchfield Community Greenway Update:** Clifford Cooper introduced Roberta Andrulis, Vice President and Jeff Pratt, Board of Directors. The Greenway is a 501-c3 entity and will be presenting to Planning & Zoning at a Public Hearing on September 15th. In the packets passed out to the Board, he noted a CL&P licensing agreement that is pending, White Memorial license agreement, sketches of parking and landscape areas, approvals, letters and maps, as well as a maintenance schedule.

b) **Award Bid for 10' Stainless Steel All Season Body:** **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to approve the bid to sole bidder W. H. Rose for \$27,970. J. Torrant seconded. Naomi Boccio said the bid is within budget. All voted aye and the motion carried.

c) **Award Bid for Lawn Tractor:** **Motion:** J. Torrant moved to award the bid to high bidder R&S Rental and Sales for \$23,052.65. D. Knox seconded. The high bid was taken because it was the only one that met the specifications. Naomi Boccio answered questions on the specifications. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried.

d) **Review Bid for Open Channel Comminutor or Channel Grinder and Waive Electrical Permit Fee:** **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to approve the bid award to JWC Environmental, LLC, Option 2, in the amount of \$32,243 for open channel comminutor or channel grinder. P. Parsons seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried. **Motion:** D. Knox moved to waive the \$165 electrical permit fee. J. Torrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. and P. Parsons seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman

