

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013  
NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT**

**PRESENT:** George Ferguson, Neil Chaudhary, Joe Girgasky, Paul Lundquist, Robert Merola, Ryan Knapp, Mary Ann Jacob, Anthony Filiato, Phil Carroll, Dan Honan, Dan Amaral. Lisa Romano arrived at 8:00pm.

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Pat Llodra, Finance Director Bob Tait, Town Clerk Debbie Aurelia Halstead, Jeff Capeci, 3 members of media, 2 members of public, Carey Schierloh (Clerk)

Town Clerk Debbie Aurelia Halstead called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTION OF THE CHAIR:** Mrs. Halstead asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Ferguson nominated Mary Ann Jacob. Second by Mr. Carroll. Hearing no further nominations, Ms. Jacob was elected unanimously.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:** Ms. Jacob asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Carroll nominated Neil Chaudhary. Second by Mr. Girgasky. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Chaudhary was elected unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF CLERK:** Mr. Chaudhary moved to appoint Carey Schierloh as clerk. Second by Mr. Carroll. Approved.

**VOTER COMMENT:** Jeff Capeci, 52 Bears Hill Rd. congratulated Ms. Jacob and Mr. Chaudhary. Mr. Capeci expressed his confidence in this experienced council. Ms. Jacob thanked Mr. Capeci for his service on the council since 2005. Mrs. Llodra presented Mr. Capeci with a plaque.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Upon motion by Mr. Chaudhary, the minutes of the 11/20/13 meeting were approved. One abstention, Mr. Filiato.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**FIRST SELECTMAN:** Mrs. Llodra reported on the expenditures and revenues for the school safety officers. (Attached) The officer in the driveway at Chalk Hill is being paid by Monroe.

Municipal and School personnel have completed trips to Enfield and North Branford, 2 towns doing pilot programs, developed by the state police, for School Resource Officers. School based safety committee has not come to a resolution on this approach.

Department of Justice grant, the largest of grants, has 2 major categories. One is called Crisis and addresses reimbursement for initial responses, such as police, mental health. Second category is Consequence and addresses long term services, such as mental health programs, building hardening, and public safety concerns. Building hardening will be 100% covered. Mental health programs will likely be 100% covered. We may receive help in policing. Key issue is their understanding that the entire community was impacted. Crisis grant has been submitted, Consequence grant in about 2 weeks.

Sewer project is moving forward. Water sewer authority and Fred Hurley will conduct workshop meeting to discuss details of the project.

RFP sent out on white houses at Fairfield Hills.

Praxair has funded a position, Community Outreach Officer, a town social worker who can identify and help struggling families. The position is \$50,000 a year for 30 hours.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Chaudhary motioned to approve the transfer of \$7,151.00 FROM: 1-101-20-570-5899-0000 Contingency TO 1-101-11-5110-0000 SALARIES & WAGES – FULL TIME For First Selectman Salary Increase. Second by Mr. Honan. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Chaudhary motioned to approve the transfer of \$4,000.00 FROM: 1-101-20-570-5899-0000 Contingency TO 1-101-15-490-5110-0000 SALARIES & WAGES – FULL TIME For Land Use Officer Salary Increase. Second by Mr. Merola. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Chaudhary motioned to approve the transfer of \$2,000.00 FROM: 1-101-20-570-5899-0000 Contingency TO 1-101-11-170-5110-0000 SALARIES & WAGES – FULL TIME For Town Clerk Assistant's Salary Increase. Second by Mr. Knapp. Approved. (Two Nays, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Lundquist)

Mr. Chaudhary motioned to approve the transfer of \$13,000 FROM: 1-101-20-570-5899-0000 Contingency TO 1-101-13-500-5749-0000 Capital Chain Link Fence for 28A Glen Road. Second by Mr. Carroll. Unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION:**

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Ms. Jacob reminded the council they will soon select committee assignments – Finance & Administration, Education, Municipal Operations, and Ordinance.

2014-15 TO 2018-19 CIP: Mr. Tait handed out the Board of Finance recommended CIP. Document can be found on the town website: [http://newtown-ct.gov/Public\\_Documents/NewtownCT\\_Finance/index](http://newtown-ct.gov/Public_Documents/NewtownCT_Finance/index)

**VOTER COMMENT:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting on 12/18 will be a joint meeting with Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Board of Ed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Chaudhary moved the council go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter and invited Mrs. Llodra. Second by Mr. Ferguson. The Council entered Executive Session at 8:25pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Council left Executive Session and adjourned at 8:55pm.

Carey Schierloh  
Recording Secretary

**Attachments**

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