

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on Monday, January 4, 2010 at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**PRESENT:** First Selectman E. Patricia Llodra, Selectman William F.L. Rodgers, Selectman William F. Furrier.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Finance Director Robert Tait, Public Works Director Fred Hurley, fifteen members of the public and two members of the press.

First Selectman Llodra suggested adding a second Voter Comment to the end of each meeting prior to Executive Session. Selectman Rodgers moved to add a second Voter Comment to the end of this, and each meeting, prior to Executive Session. Selectman Furrier seconded. All in favor.

**VOTER PARTICIPATION:** **Barbara O'Connor, Little Brook Lane** suggested tier pricing for the Senior Center fees and asked the board to take civic organizations into consideration. **Karin Aurelia, 18 Castle Hill Road** asked that the Senior Center fees item be tabled until a presentation can be made.

First Selectman Llodra explained this item is being carried as unfinished business, not with the intension of action tonight, but so that the item isn't lost track of.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:** Selectman Rodgers moved to accept the minutes of January 4, 2010. Selectman Furrier seconded, Selectman Rodgers noted the following corrections: First page, Items Added To The Agenda, fourth line, add Mr. William F.L Rodgers (in place of Mr. F.L. Rodgers). Also, page four, item 5 Resolutions, should read "pursuant to *his* prior reading". The second paragraph under 5. Resolutions should be labeled 5b. Refunding Bond Issue. All in favor of the acceptance of the amended minutes of January 4, 2010.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** First Selectman Llodra shared documents related to the pension plan for the Police Department, Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education with the board. First Selectman Llodra is compiling emails received from residents regarding their concern for the potential deer culling. First Selectman Llodra gave Selectman Furrier information from Amy Mangold regarding Parks and Recreation and the Edmond Town Hall.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Discussion and possible action:**

- 1. Senior Center Room fees:** no action taken.
- 2. CIP:** Selectman Rodgers explained that the Board is somewhat restricted in that the current system allows for a five year CIP with a year one. Selectman Furrier stated that the First Selectman did an outstanding job getting the CIP to this starting point. Selectman Rodgers stated the CIP should be passed on with the recommendation the town stay within spending caps, understanding that will push off the plan. (See Att. A: CIP prioritization). Selectman Rodgers moved the recommendation of the Capital

Improvement Plan as set forth over discussion in terms of priorities to be forwarded. The Board of Selectmen is mindful of the economic realities and therefore made the focus one of priorities. Selectman Furrier seconded. All in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion and possible action:**

1. **Driveway Bond Releases/Extension:** Selectman Rodgers moved the release of the driveway bond in the amount of \$1,000 for Nardi Tollkuci, Queen Street, Newtown, M28, B8, L9. Selectman Furrier seconded. All in favor.  
Selectman Furrier moved the extension of the driveway bond extension for Richard Lapati, 10 Johnny Appleseed Drive, Sandy Hook to expire June 30, 2010. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.
2. **Bond Reduction:** Selectman Furrier moved the bond reduction for Ridge Valley Road, "Ridge Valley Estates" Subdivision from \$903,000 to \$180,600 which represents an 80% reduction. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.
3. **Appointments/Reappointments:** Selectman Rodgers moved the reappointment of Frank DeLucia, 4 Hyvue Drive, Newtown, as a Constable with a term to end January 6, 2012. Selectman Furrier seconded. All in favor. Selectman Furrier moved the appointment of Addie Sandler, 4 Far Horizon Lane, Sandy Hook to the Board of Ethics for a term to end January 6, 2012. to the Board of Ethics for a term to end January 6, 2012. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.
4. **Town of Newtown Budget Amendment January 2010:** (Att. B) Finance Director Tait explained that there were significant shortfalls in some revenue accounts going into the second quarter of the budget. A budget amendment reduces the current budget by reducing some revenue accounts. To keep the budget balance expenditure accounts need to be reduced also. Revenue estimates and expenditure accounts have been reduced by \$805,000. Every account was reviewed and compared to prior years. Mr. Tait stated the auditors believe, because this is a budget decrease, it can go through the Board of Selectman, the Board of Finance and the Legislative Council. Mr. Tait is waiting to hear from the Town Attorney. First Selectman Llodra said it was important for the community to know that there is a significant gap between revenues and expenditures. Our spending plan is larger than our revenues mid-year, the adjustments have to be made in order to have a balanced budget. Selectman Furrier suggested advertising the adjustments in the local newspaper. Selectman Rodgers would prefer to speak with the Town Attorney to make sure a precedent isn't being set. Selectman Furrier moved to accept the proposed amendments to the budget with the understanding the next step is to take this to the Board of Finance. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.
5. **Tax Refunds #8, December 2009:** Selectman Rodgers moved the December 2009 Tax Refunds #8, 2009/2010 in the amount of \$12,378.93. Selectman Furrier seconded. All in favor.
6. **Set Dates for BOS Budget Hearings:** First Selectman Llodra proposed January 26, January 27 and January 28 for dates for budget hearings, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The meetings of January 26 and 27 will be held at the Municipal Center. The location of the meeting of January 28 is to be determined. The Selectmen agreed. No motion taken.

**VOTER COMMENT:** **Barbara O'Connor, Little Brook Lane** asked if there are any concrete plans as to how the Sandy Hook Streetscape will be expanded. First Selectman Llodra said that any funds are for projects that are in the pipeline.

**Bob Merola, 22 Ashford Lane** stated the build out projection should be taken into consideration when determining where the police station or fire house will be going.

**Bob Geckle, 35 Queen Street** suggested building maintenance capital be planned for annually. It's because of poor planning that the town is faced with capital expenditure.

7. **Executive Session:** Selectman Rodgers moved to enter Executive Session to discuss P&Z Negotiation and legal matters. Nobody was invited to attend. Selectman Furrier seconded. All in favor. Executive Session was entered at 9:15pm and returned to regular session at 9:41pm with the following motions:

Selectman Rodgers moved to authorize the First Selectman, E. Patricia Llodra, to enter into the stipulated agreement on behalf of the Town of Newtown with property owner at 35 Lakeview Terrace. Selectman Furrier seconded. All in favor.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none noted.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business the Board of Selectman adjourned their regular meeting at 9:42pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Marcinek, Clerk

Att. A: Selectmen CIP  
Att. B: Budget Amendment