

Board of Selectmen
July 5, 2011

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Tuesday, July 5, 2011 in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Center, Newtown. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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

ABSENT: Selectman William F. Furrier.

ALSO PRESENT: Public Works Director Fred Hurley, Town Engineer Ron Bolmer, two members of the public and four members of the press.

VOTER PARTICIPATION: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: Selectman Rodgers moved to accept the minutes of June 20, 2011. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Llodra noted there are ongoing conversations with Chris Lyddy and DebraLee Hovey related to municipal funding. The legislature sent a strong message to the governor that there will be no municipal aid cuts in efforts to fill the \$1.6 billion hole. There is concern about funding for Newtown Youth & Family Services and the Horse Guard. Representatives Lyddy and Hovey and Senator McKinney serve Newtown very well. The legislature passed a bill mandating any employer with fifty or more persons provide paid sick leave for employees. Ms. Ross worked with the Department of Labor to determine the effect on municipal workers and found, under the language of the bill, there is only one person that would qualify. First Selectman Llodra noted a resident emailed concern about dirt bikes on the street and in the woods. It was referred to the police department but noted it is a quality of life issue. People pay a fair amount of money in taxes and the quality of life should be protected. Everyone should respect the rules so we can all enjoy the quality. Selectman Rodgers asked about an ATV ordinance. First Selectman Llodra said the police are familiar with this neighborhood; there is an ordinance to be obeyed.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

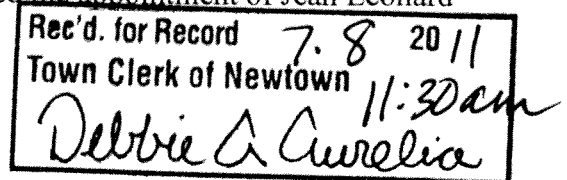
Discussion and possible action:

1. **Implementation Plan – Plan of Conservation and Development:** item to be carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

1. **Appointments:** First Selectman Llodra recommended the appointment of Patrice Boily for the Inland Wetlands Commission. He is an unaffiliated voter whose information was forwarded to the Democratic Town Committee. A full recommendation for his appointment was received from the DTC. First Selectman Llodra moved the appointment of Patrice Boily, Ph.D. to the Inland Wetlands Commission for a term to expire January 7, 2013. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor. First Selectman Llodra recommended the appointment of Jean Leonard



for the Economic Development Commission. She is an unaffiliated voter whose information was forwarded to the Republican Town Committee. A full recommendation for her approval was received. First Selectman Llodra moved the appointment of Jean Leonard to the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire on January 6, 2013. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor. First Selectman Llodra noted there is a vacancy on the Design Advisory Board for a republican or unaffiliated voter; the last day for interest is August 2 with an expected appointment date of September 6. We are currently waiting for a signed letter of resignation from an Economic Development Commission member. The vacancy will be for a democrat or unaffiliated voter. We are also waiting for a signed letter of resignation from a Pension Committee member. That vacancy will be for a republican or unaffiliated voter. There are two alternate positions needed for the Commission on Aging, one to any registered voter and one to anything other than a republican. The Employee Benefits Committee has two positions available to democrat, unaffiliated or independent voters. Openings remain on the Sustainable Energy Commission, Lake Lillinonah Authority and the Hattertown Historic District.

2. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Rodgers moved the July Refunds #1 in the amount of \$18,099.10. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
3. **Road Projects including Hanover Road:** Mr. Hurley and Mr. Bolmer were present to discuss road projects. First Selectman Llodra thanked Mr. Hurley for getting the information for the website involving road work; street sweeping and catch basin cleaning saying Arlene Miles did a terrific job. Regarding Hanover Road, Mr. Bolmer said large fill was put in over a swamp when the road was constructed. There were very steep slopes on either side with a narrow road; the guide rail system has fallen off. The least expensive and fastest solution is to lower the road, widen the width and have a guiderail system that can be supported. The lowering of the road will transition over 1,000 feet. Mr. Hurley said most or all of this can be done in house and hopes it can be done this summer managed with capital roads funds. If the cost of the projects runs over the allotted \$100,000 commercialized projects would be looked at to be completed in house or other project costs would be cut back slightly to make up the difference. Mr. Bolmer said there are no drainage issues anticipated by lowering the road. Borings were done with solid results. Box culvert delivery for Boggs Hill will take nine weeks. The completion of the job is anticipated to take one month. It is likely the intersection will be closed at the end of August for thirty days leading to significant detours. Transportation, fire and police will be notified. Drainage is completed on Jordan Hill and should be ready for paving by the end of the week. There is icing and washout conditions at Newbury that will be addressed. Mr. Bolmer reported there will be major reconstruction on Brushy Hill and Eden Hill. Mr. Hurley reported that there is more of a savings having the town do the paving and the trench repair paving at the Sandy Hook waterline project; the trenching will be done by a contractor. The digging work is targeted to be completed by August 22. The work in Sandy Hook is a two year project anticipated to be completed by summer of 2012. The first step in the long term process of addressing the drainage, erosion and icing conditions in the Lakeview Terrace area is having a survey completed. The survey is planned to be done in August. Mr. Hurley reported there was a combination of mechanical failure and human error related to the damage of a truck at the highway department. There was not a full mechanical failure, the lift is safe. There has to be consistency in the way the equipment is operated so there is never a question of a safety. The human error will be addressed internally. Mr. Hurley reported the Police Commission authorized speed tables on Key Rock Road. The bids for the Animal Control Facility are

coming in; the ground breaking is anticipated to take place mid to late July.

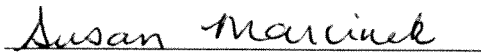
4. **Connecticut State Library Resolution:** Selectman Rodgers moved the resolution Resolved: that E. Patricia Llodra, First Selectman of the Town of Newtown is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
5. **Year End Re-appropriation (Public Works):** Selectman Rodgers moved the year end re-appropriations related to Public Works as outlined in Att. A.) First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
6. **Year End Re-appropriation (Police):** Selectman Rodgers moved the year end re-appropriation related to Police as outlined in Att. A. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

VOTER COMMENTS: **Joseph Borst, 10 Beechwood Drive** said there is a similar situation with dirt bikes on public roads in his neighborhood. He is concerned for the safety of the children that ride bikes and play in the neighborhood. He said parents should be aware of the liability they will face by letting a child they have given a dirt bike to ride anywhere. He suggested the newspaper do an article on the issue. It is a safety issue. First Selectman Llodra encouraged anybody who sees dirt bikes or unregistered vehicles on the road to call it into the Police Department on the road to call it into the Police Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Newtown Round Up is being aired on channel 21. These interviews are conducted by the First Selectman and focus on Newtown. To date Donna Culbert has been interviewed regarding tick management, Amy Mangold has been interviewed about Parks and Recreation programs and long term vision and Rob Sibley has been interviewed on open space and invasive plants. Fred Hurley has also been interviewed regarding single stream recycling. These interviews will be put on to the Video on Demand area of the town website. Future interviews will include the Tick Borne Disease Action Committee and the Fairfield Hills Master Plan Review Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Marcinek, Clerk

Att. A: Year End Re-Appropriations for Public Works & Police

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action

- **Year end re-appropriation requests (carrying forward 2010-11 appropriations to 2011-12)**

PUBLIC WORKS

Account 01500-4061 Contractual Drainage. Request \$23,350 carried forward to account 09500-4061 Contractual Drainage (2011-12).

Account 01500-5081 Capital Road. Request \$100,000 carried forward to account 09500-5081 Capital Road (2011-12).

Account 01650-4060 Building Contractual. Request \$18,500 carried forward to account 09650-4060 Building Contractual (2011-12).

POLICE

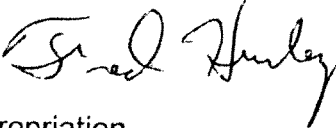
Account 01310-2035 Professional Services. Request \$7,500 carried forward to account 09310-2035 Professional Services (2011-2012)

Re-appropriations are current year appropriations (unspent & unobligated budget amounts) that are (authorized) carried forward to the next budget year. These amounts had a specific purpose but due to circumstances were not spent or obligated in the current budget year.

Re-appropriation requests need to be approved by the BOS; BOF and the LC accompanied by the specific purpose and the reason they were not spent in the appropriate budget period.



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DATE: June 20, 2011
TO: Bob Tait
FROM: Fred Hurley 
SUBJECT: 11-12 Re-Appropriation

Contractual Drainage (1500 4061)
\$23,350 – Drainage and paving on Newbury Road

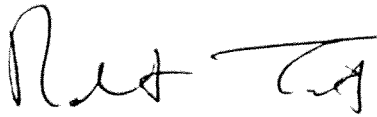
Newbury Road has been identified as highly in need of drainage work to remove an ongoing icing condition in the winter. The department could not get to this specific project before the end of the current fiscal year. The work needs to be done and accordingly we have requested the re-appropriation of \$23,350 to ensure completion this summer.

Capital Road (1500 5081)
\$100,000 Brushy Hill Road

Brushy Hill Road is part of our ongoing capital road plans slated for several more years of work. The \$100,000 requested for re-appropriation will be applied to that work previously identified in 2010-2011 Budget. It will complete another section of drainage and associated paving.

Building Contractual (1650 4060)
\$18,500 – Fiber optic

The \$18,500 requested for re-appropriation in the building contractual account covers a fiber optic project developed by the IT Department. There has been a delay in formalizing the final design. We will be installing this system this summer and will need the installation funding available after July 1st.


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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

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Friday, June 24, 2011

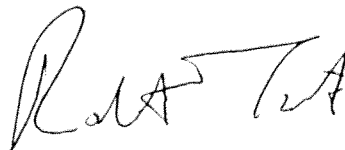
To: Robert Tait, Finance Director

From: Chief Michael K. Kehoe 

RE: Re-Appropriation

Please note this is a request to re-appropriate funds for:

- ❖ Project: Security and Safety Features at Fairfield Hills Police Substation.
- ❖ Account to be used is 01310-2035 - (Professional Services)
- ❖ Amount requested for this is \$ 7,500.00.
- ❖ This work was not able to be completed in time due to a delay in providing electrical and communications infrastructure at the Fairfield Hills Police Substation.



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