

Board of Selectmen
June 18, 2012

The **Board of Selectmen** held a regular meeting on Monday, June 18, 2012 in the Council Chambers, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

PRESENT: E. Patricia Llodra, William F.L Rodgers, James Gaston, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT: Three members of the public and one member of the press.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Selectman Rodgers moved to accept the minutes of June 4, 2012. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor. Selectman Gaston moved to accept the minutes of June 8, 2012. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: none.

ADD TO AGENDA: Selectman Rodgers moved to add, as item #5 under New Business, follow up on Home Energy Solutions. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor. Selectman Gaston moved to add, as item #6 under New Business, discussion on space needs committee and appointments. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

1. Implementation Plan – Plan of Conservation and Development: this item will be on the August 6 agenda.

2. Tick Borne Disease Action Committee – next steps: Selectman Rodgers believes that the town is at an information/option maximizing stage of availing ourselves to DEEP's work. There is no obligation. Selectman Gaston agrees and would like to explore what DEEP can do with the town and for the town; the survey is a good idea and it's free information. First Selectman Llodra stated that if the town engages DEEP's service to develop a deer management protocol it should not be interpreted to mean the town is committed to the implementation of that protocol, which includes a deer cull. DEEP can provide information we don't have on current deer population in Newtown. The survey has benefit because the more attention is drawn to the problem the more elevated consciousness is of the problem. First Selectman will send a letter to Dr. Kilpatrick informing him the town is interested in working with DEEP, restating the position that the town is not committing to any implementation. Dr. Marjorie Cramer expressed concern about the survey potentially being biased. First Selectman Llodra wants to wait for the results of the survey and does not have reason to believe the Redding survey was biased. Dr. Michele McLeod asked that the board hear from Dr. DiNicola to get a different perspective on recreational deer culls. First Selectman Llodra reiterated that the town is not making a commitment to cull. The time to bring in Dr. DiNicola is if and when the town seriously considers a deer cull. Dr. McLeod advocated getting school kids involved in the education portion of the program. She stated the metrix is a powerful part of the committee report. Dr. Chaudhary thinks it would make sense to have other people come in if and when the town is considering recommendations from DEEP. He appreciates the emphasis on education. He offered to look over the survey/questionnaire and work with DEEP, before calls are made to residents, saying there are ways to make it less bias. Dr. Chaudhary suggested the town ask DEEP about tick borne diseases. He says this is pure research and information; the town will receive a survey and a proper deer count with no obligation to implement anything. First Selectman Llodra said that in addition to education the town has to engage in vigorous management of municipal properties to get rid of environments that harbor ticks, such as the Japanese barberry. First Selectman Llodra supports the proposal and will find a way to fund it. Selectman Gaston interpreted this to be so important it will displace something else within the budget because there is no money. First Selectman Llodra will invite Donna Culbert and Judy Blanchard to meet with the Selectmen to create a group and a plan to elevate/modify the education campaign. Dr. Chaudhary and Dr. McLeod offered to be a part of that meeting. Selectman Rodgers said that one aspect of DEEP is to proceed on parallel tracks with an investigation of the deer issue; it gives more credibility with the education effort.

3. **Hook & Ladder:** this item will be carried to the August 6 meeting.
4. **Hawleyville Sewers:** this item will be on the August 6 agenda.
5. **Modify resolution to accept trusts to benefit animals in Newtown:** Selectman Rodgers moved to modify the earlier resolution regarding gifts from the Estate of Hazel Bouchard and the Frances E. Hair Charitable Remainder Trust to now specify that we accept those gift and create separate special revenue funds for each of the sources estimated to be \$200,000 from the Estate of Hazel Bouchard and \$957,216 from the Frances E. Hair Charitable Trust and to direct Finance Director Robert Tait to create two separate revenue funds for those trusts. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

1. **Driveway Bond Acceptance/Extension:** none.
2. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Rodgers moved to accept the June 2012 Tax Refunds, No. 16 in t he amount of \$3,118.13. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.
3. **Appointments/Re-appointments:** Selectman Rodgers moved the re-appointment of Ann Piccini as the Municipal Agent for the Elderly for a term to expire July 1, 2013, the re-appointments of James Bernardi (R), Michael Holmes (D) and Ross Carley (D) to the Fairfield Hills Authority for a term to expire July 31, 2015 the re-appointment of Eugene Rosen (D) to the Charter Communications Advisory Council for a term to expire January 6, 2014 and the appointment of Ben Spragg (R), as an alternate member of Planning & Zoning for a term to expire December 1, 2013. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor. Selectman Gaston moved the re-appointment of Michelle Rosenthal (D), to the Hattertown Historic District for a term to expire June 30, 2017. First Selectman seconded. Selectman Rodgers abstained as his wife is a board member. Motion passed: Gaston, Llodra. There is an opening on the Charter Communications Advisory Council and the CH Booth Library Board of Trustees to any party affiliation. The last day to express interest is July 16 with an appointment date of August 6.
4. **Review & Modify TON Video Surveillance Policy:** Selectman Rodgers moved to strike, from the Town of Newtown Video Surveillance Policy, the last sentence of the third paragraph under General Principles that reads *Such records may not be shared with third parties, and may only be shared with other governmental agencies granted additional approval* and to modify the first sentence of the final paragraph on page 2, Retention and Storage Procedures to read *Surveillance video records will be stored as determined by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Act and the Records Retention Policy of the Public Records Administration.* Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.
5. **Follow up on Home Energy Solutions:** First Selectman Llodra will follow up with the Sustainable Energy Commission to let them know that the Board of Selectman supports the initiative but wants them to manage the initiative.
6. **Municipal Space Needs:** First Selectman Llodra will bring draft language for a charge for the municipal needs space study to the next meeting in July with anticipated appointments in August. The board agreed to have a seven member committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Rodgers moved to adjourn into a non-meeting to discuss negotiation. Selectman Gaston seconded. The regular Board of Selectman meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Susan Marcinek, Clerk

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