

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, April 20, 2015 in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Center, Newtown. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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

ABSENT: Selectman James O. Gaston, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Mary Ann Jacob, one member of the public and two members of the press.

VOTER PARTICIPATION: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: Selectman Rodgers moved to accept the minutes of 4/6/15.

First Selectman Llodra seconded and made the following corrections: Page 1, item 1 under New Business, add the word *street sweeping* so sentence reads 'Mr. Hurley explained that there are four street sweeping quadrants and a fifth can be added.' In the next sentence delete *in the first month of each season* so the sentence reads 'The lake areas will be swept first each season'. All in favor of the minutes as amended.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Llodra shared a one page budget summary that includes revenues, expenditures, total Board of Selectman budget, the total Board of Education budget and the tax implications. An anonymous letter was received regarding road conditions on Jeremiah Road; the road is scheduled to be done this season but the First Selectman is unable to respond to an anonymous person. She asked that people identify themselves so there can be conversation about their concerns. A thank you letter to Mr. Hurley, from St. Vincent's Special Needs Service, was shared expressing gratitude and appreciation for the exceptional job the Public Works crews did in keeping roads and streets plowed and passable during this winter season.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

1. Community Center Update and Planning

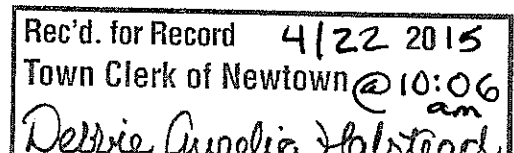
- **Commission Appointments**
- **Commission Charge**

First Selectman Llodra discussed the draft charge language including the names of members for consideration. Selectman Gaston emailed his endorsement of the draft and membership. The first meeting will be held either April 29 or May 5. First Selectman Llodra has not had an opportunity to speak to Andy Clure; it is a possibility he will serve on the commission. Selectman Rodgers moved the charge and the suggested membership, including Andy Clure, for the Community Center Commission (Att). First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

- 1. Joint Committee for Policy & Planning for Town Roads:** Mr. Hurley and Ms. Jacob were present to discuss this topic. Not all lake communities have associations that deal with roads. Categories of roads and histories of policy making and practice need to come together and be documented back to 1968 when the first policy was created. These are private roads; the residents shared the cost for materials 50/50 to repair the roads. There are two remaining associations that struggle with the level of road repair necessary. Ms. Jacob noted that in addition to the lakeside communities there are approximately 170 additional private roads in Newtown. There is an inequity with the cost share.



There are four different types of private roads. First Selectman Llodra said there is a moral and ethical obligation to make sure all residents are safe. It's time for a plan. The town has been working on Lakeview for three years. Ms. Jacob suggested a modification to the ordinance that currently exists that allows a different level of acceptance for the roads that already exist, that they are held to a slightly different standard so that a lot of money isn't incurred on legal fees. Mr. Hurley said the road ordinance does have a modified road standard; many of the roads discussed cannot even meet that. The ordinance may need a third level. The lost revenue from associations does not exceed the costs to repair and maintain the roads. In Cedarhurst there are under 20 paying residents that pay into the upkeep in the community. First Selectman Llodra noted that most of the private roads do not require such a level of care. The committee will be an Ad Hoc committee with representatives from a variety of sectors. First Selectman Llodra named Fred Hurley and Mary Ann Jacob the spokespersons for this work and instructed the m to create a committee and report back to the board with updates. Selectman Rodgers moved that the Board of Selectman resolve to create an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of policy review and development and action planning for certain categories of roads: unpaved, private (not accepted into the Town road system) and those roads with other special circumstances. Said committee will consist of Fred Hurley and Mary Ann Jacob, who will in turn form a larger body; the entire body then constituting the Ad Hoc committee reporting to the Board of Selectman. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

2. **Road Acceptance – Sebastian Trail:** Selectman Rodgers moved to accept Sebastian Trail into the Newtown Highway System. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
3. **Road Acceptance – Nicolina Way:** Selectman Rodgers moved to accept Nicolina Way into the Newtown Highway System. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
4. **Appointments/Reappointments:** First Selectman Llodra noted the resignation of Joanne Davis from the Commission on Aging. The last day to express interest in this vacancy is May 18 with an anticipated appointment date of June 1. First Selectman Llodra moved the appointment of Wes Thompson (R), to the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire 1/6/16. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.
5. **Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** none
6. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Rodgers moved the April 2015 Refunds, Refund No. 14, 2014-15 in the amount of \$9,499.41. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 8:09pm

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Marcinek, Clerk

Att: Community Center Charge

The Board of Selectmen charges the Community Center Commission to develop a proposal for construction and operation of facility that meets these standards:

- Aligned with the conditions established by the donor (GE)
 - Creates a location that does not exist today;
 - Acts as an anchor for the people of Newtown to come together;
 - Serves the needs of the entire community;
 - Does not duplicate existing programs/services;
 - Is based on \$10 million to build; supported by a \$1 million annual grant over five years.
- Consistent with the long-term development plans of the community of Newtown
 - Consider the Capital Improvement Plan;
 - Consider the Fairfield Hills Master Plan;
 - Consider the Newtown Plan of Conservation and Development;
 - Consider the Strategic Plan for Municipal Facilities (work in progress);
- Responsive to broad-based needs articulated by community.

Further, the Board of Selectmen asks the Community Center Commission to engage the work products and knowledge of other Boards and Commissions, including the Community Center Advisory Committee, Commission on Aging, Parks and Recreation Commission, Cultural Arts Commission, the Strategic Plan for Municipal Facilities group, and more. Representatives from those bodies are committed to sharing their knowledge with the Community Center Commission so that project outcome is the best and highest use of the donor resources and so the facility meets the needs of our community in accordance with an over-arching vision statement it first develops.

The Board of Selectmen is hoping for the Community Center Commission to engage this work with vigor and a commitment to task completion over a period of 6 months or so. The Commission will be formally appointed, sworn by Town Clerk, assigned a clerk to document meetings and post agenda. The Commission will be required to follow all Freedom of Information rules.

Meeting space will be provided at the Municipal Center whenever possible, or at other municipal locations. The work plan is to be determined by the Commission and will be led by a chair selected by the members. The Selectmen ask that the Commission establish a schedule of twice-monthly meetings. The Selectman's office will provide materials, documents, personnel, and other resources as appropriate and requested by the Commission. The Commission will be called upon to periodically update the Selectmen.

Members under consideration:

John Boccuzzi Sr.	Brian Leidlein
Bill Buchler	Chris McDonnell
Rob Cox	Jeremy Richman
Sean Dunn	Sheila Torres
Brian Hartgraves	Kinga Walsh
Nicole Hockley	David Wheeler
Carla Kron	Andy Clure