

Board of Selectmen  
Monday, October 5, 2015

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, October 5, 2015 in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**PRESENT:** First Selectman Llodra, Selectman William F.L. Rodgers, Selectman James O. Gaston, Sr.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Finance Director Robert Tait, Lisa Schwartz-Poet Laureate

**POET LAUREATE:** Mrs. Llodra stated it was recommended by colleagues in the state that we consider a Poet Laureate. The Cultural Arts Commission established the process and conducted extensive interviews. The Poet Laureate is an ambassador for the Arts. Mrs. Schwartz prepared an Inaugural piece for the Cultural Arts Fair. Mrs. Schwartz stated we are the 9<sup>th</sup> town in Connecticut to adopt a Poet Laureate, a tribute to our town's sentiments toward the arts. *Attachment*

**VOTER COMMENT:** None

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:** SELECTMAN RODGERS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 9/21/15 AS PRESENTED. SECOND BY SELECTMAN GASTON. APPROVED.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:**

**Recent State Budget Actions:** Mr. Tait presented his report including a list of rescissions made to address decreased revenue. Mr. Rodgers noted the Department of Veteran's Affairs is a pass through; it receives money from the VA which is taken by the state and partially returned to the Department, the reason the cut to the Department of Veterans Affairs is only \$50,594. Mr. Tait noted the Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies program reduced the budget state budget by 20 million. The state, presuming municipalities would save 20 million in efficiencies, reduced municipal aid. Selectman Llodra explained when the MORE commission was created several years ago, the goal was to find efficiencies that would generate savings. The MORE commission stated it has not found those savings. Municipalities don't have the will to do the big things that could save money, such as consolidation of dispatch. The state will still cut 20 million this year (2016) and another 20 million next year (2017). Basically, any municipal savings is being transferred to the state. *Attachment*

**Debt Analysis Report:** Mr. Tait presented his Debt Analysis Report for the past 20 years. Currently our debt is down to 9% of the budget. The Council wanted to see what an 8% debt cap would look like and when it could be realized. The key to investing in capital projects is the growth of our grand list. CIP, long-term planning is now part of our financial statement (page 7). In the current Annual Debt Service chart, the area between the red and blue lines represents the capacity for capital investment in Newtown. The Annual Debt Service (page 30) is the annual payment for all debt. Debt load is the total debt. Mr. Tait noted our rate of amortization is better than 50% in 10 years (page 33)

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and our debt to taxable net grand list is less than 3% (page 34). The total debt is increasing at a lower rate (page 36). *Attachment*

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Update on CIP:** Mr. Tait shared the CIP. Selectman Llodra stated the recommended CIP was passed to the Board of Finance. She noted in year 5 a group of \*\* represents information that came in that night from the Municipal Strategic Planning Commission. They recommended setting aside money for work on the Multi-purpose building (\$814,000) and to demolish Hook & Ladder. They have only heard the report, they have not taken action. There are many moving parts on the CIP and questions that need to be answered. Hoping to have more info and move the CIP forward by the end of November. They are trying to keep options open until the Board of Ed has finished their work. *Attachment*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointments/Reappointments:** The recommendation for the Hattertown Historic District is on hold because it needs to be noticed due to recent movement among current members.

The recommendation from the Republican Town Committee for the Pension Committee vacancy is over 45 days and the Charter states the appointment is now to be made by the Pension Committee.

**Driveway Bond Release:** SELECTMAN RODGERS MOVED TO RELEASE THE DRIVEWAY BOND TO PLATT BUILDING, LLC, IN CONNECTION WITH 8 MOUNTAIN MANOR, M51, B2, L45. SECOND BY SELECTMEN GASTON. APPROVED.

SELECTMAN RODGERS MOVED TO RELEASE THE DRIVEWAY BOND TO STEPHANIE GREGORY, IN CONNECTION WITH 37 OLD BETHEL ROAD, M2, B4, L39-B. SECOND BY SELECTMEN GASTON. APPROVED.

**Driveway Bond Extension:** SELECTMAN GASTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXTENSION FOR 6 MONTHS, TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2016, FOR THE PROPERTIES LISTED ON THE DOCUMENT TITLED "BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING, OCTOBER 5, 2015, DRIVEWAY BOND EXTENSION". SECOND BY SELECTMAN RODGERS. APPROVED. *Attachment*

**TAX REFUNDS:** SELECTMAN RODGERS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE BOTTOM LINE AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF \$30,119.59, AS ITEMIZED ON THE 2 PAGE LIST ENTITLED "OCTOBER 2015 REFUNDS, REFUND NO. 5, 2015-2016. SECOND BY SELECTMAN GASTON. APPROVED. *Attachment*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**VOTER COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carey Schierloh, Clerk

## Homage To Art

You can't define it,  
No less try to rhyme it  
You must simply accept that it is;  
Sometimes inscrutable, indeed irrefutable  
Art is the Gee to our Whiz.

She may be soulful or shrill,  
Inclined to the thrill,  
Her gifts runneth over with zeal;  
She's known to be foxy, She delivers with moxie,  
She meanders in rivers surreal.

Consider Whitman and his leaves of grass,  
Or Keats and his passion for rhyme;  
Shakespeare scripting the great morass,  
Or Dalí and his melting of time.

Think Mona Lisa and the art of beguile  
Or Pity poor Annabel Lee;  
Ponder the thinker musing in style  
Or Mozart scoring symphonies.

Over the rainbow, born to run;  
Like a rolling stone, let it be.  
Rogers and Hammerstein, Simon and Garfunkel  
Music, Stand by me.

Now, conjure a world without all this,  
Without canvas or lyric or carving;  
What's left is a void, a gaping abyss,  
A place unmistakably starving.

For what's grand about art  
Is her command of our soul;  
Her decree to forever redeem.  
To move us, upend us, and even transcend us  
Toward wonders sublimely unseen.

So let there be art, let us savor her light  
Here among friends on this field;  
Let the music suffuse us,  
Let the poets amuse us,  
Let love be the bounty we yield.

*Lisa Schwartz*

**BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING – October 5, 2015**

**DRIVEWAY BOND EXTENSION**

Goldbach Builders, LLC, 35 Meadowbrook Road, M35, B7, L81

Six month extension to expire 3/31/16

Esquire Development, LLC, 48 Hoseye Coach Road, M46, B4, L105.88

Six month extension to expire 3/31/16

Esquire Development, LLC, 36 Hoseye Coach Road, M46, B4, L105.100

Six month extension to expire 3/31/16

Esquire Development, LLC, 33 Hoseye Coach Road, M49, B2, L2.95

Six month extension to expire 3/31/16

Power Team Construction, LLC, 6 Castle Meadow Road, M32, B7, L8.2

Six month extension to expire 3/31/16

Power Team Construction, LLC, 4 Castle Meadow Road, M32, B7, L8.3

Six month extension to expire 3/31/16

# OCTOBER 2015 REFUNDS - TAX OFFICE

## Refund No. 5, 2015/16

NAME	REASON	TAX	INTEREST	LIEN	TOTAL	LIST NO.
Ausderan, Kurt Lloyd	certificate of correction donated, '97 suba	11.81			11.81	14-03-50934
Bhaya, Mahesh	certificate of correction traded, '13 infi	220.48			220.48	14-03-51875
Brady, Edward P.	certificate of correction sold 8/15, '10 niss	30.86			30.86	14-03-52514
Braun Moving Inc.	certificate of correction sold, 10/14, '07 toy corr.	171.34			171.34	14-03-52572
Clavette, Alan/Mary	certificate of correction BAA, '03 honda pilot	49.71			49.71	14-03-54506
Clavette, Mary B.	certificate of correction BAA, '03 honda accord	17.86			17.86	14-03-54507
Cody, Edward/Nancy	certificate of correction moved 8/15, '08 toy corr	16.53			16.53	14-03-54585
Cook, Thomas R.	certificate of correction sold, '93 toy	24.68			24.68	14-03-54982
Corrigan, Kevin J.	certificate of correction sold 8/15, '06 honda	10.25			10.25	14-03-55065
Curran, David or Karen	certificate of correction base model, '09 toy corr	74.08			74.08	14-03-55423
Dinielli, Victoria L.	certificate of correction moved, '06 infi	90.36			90.36	14-03-56517
Deysenroth, Patricia M.	certificate of correction sold 11/14, '04 chevy cav	82.38			82.38	14-03-56389
Financial SER VEH Trust	certificate of correction sold, '12 bmw	731.51			731.51	14-03-58038
Financial SER VEH Trust	certificate of correction sold, '11 bmw	608.79			608.79	14-03-58088
Galla, Christopher A.	certificate of correction moved, '08 honda crv	26.82			26.82	14-03-58781
Garriepy, Eugene	certificate of correction sold 8/15, '03 chev silver	16.07			16.07	14-03-58904
Girard, Michael J.	certificate of correction junked, '98 chev blazer	27.32			27.32	14-03-59319
Gordon, Kevin/Laurelyn	certificate of correction donated, '01 dodge cara	12.63			12.63	14-03-59516
Hanson, Dustin Gregory	certificate of correction sold 7/15, '01 dodge 1500	15.34			15.34	14-03-60193
Honda Lease Trust	certificate of correction sold 2/14, '11 honda accord	244.30			244.30	13-03-60819
Honda Lease Trust	certificate of correction sold 6/15, '12 honda crv	109.79			109.79	14-03-61046
Ivey, Paul G.	certificate of correction antique, '71 honda	37.03			37.03	14-03-61676
JP Morgan Chase	certificate of correction EOL, '12 suba	306.56			306.56	14-03-62130
JP Morgan Chase	certificate of correction totaled, '13 suba	201.06			201.06	14-03-62196
Krause, Amanda J.	certificate of correction sold, '11 mazda	50.63			50.63	14-03-63346
Marchese, Robert J.	certificate of correction sold, '09 merc	37.27			37.27	14-03-65088
Mullins, Patrick M.	certificate of correction traded 6/15, '11 nissan	109.96			109.96	14-03-67014
Newtown School Maintenance	overpayment on sewer assessment on 12 berkshire rd	25128.06			25128.06	0000-05-0980106
Nielsen, William	certificate of correction sold, '08 yama	42.89			42.89	14-03-67518
Nikitchyuk, Andrew	certificate of correction BAA, '04 Honda	33.40	1.50		34.90	14-03-67524
Odonnell, Edward	certificate of correction reg in VT, '05 kaw	134.50			134.50	14-03-76616
Porsche Leasing Ltd.	certificate of correction sold, '11 porsche	538.22			538.22	14-03-69333
Rojo, Edward	certificate of correction sold 8/15, '04 chrys pacifica	10.92			10.92	14-03-70459
Ryan, Mary F.	certificate of correction traded 7/15, '04 chevy malibu	15.84			15.84	14-03-70837
Tannenbaum, Charles A.	certificate of correction moved, '10 suba	82.35	3.70		88.80	14-03-73373
Tannenbaum, Charles A.	certificate of correction moved, '94 mazda	2.75			2.75	14-03-73375
USB Leasing LT	certificate of correction sold 5/15, '12 gmc acadia	218.92			218.92	14-03-74464
Victaulic Company	certificate of correction reg pa, '13 ford taurus	305.49			305.49	13-03-74737
Waters, Judy/Kenneth	certificate of correction moved, '12 merz	148.68			148.68	14-03-75415

Waters, Kenneth	certificate of correction moved, '99 porsche	63.50	104.75	14-03-75416
Waters, Kenneth	certificate of correction moved, '05 infi	38.50		14-03-75418
Waters, Kenneth	certificate of correction moved, '74 mgb	2.75		14-03-75417
White, Emmett/White, Brian	certificate of correction sold, '04 suba	12.20	12.20	14-03-75671
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