

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Grange Hall
June 19, 2013
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: M. Walter; E. Lyman; J. Blaschik

Also Present: E. Blaschik; E. Lunt; D. Berndtson; L. Zemienieski

1. First Selectman Walter called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of June 5, 2013 and Special Meeting of June 10, 2013.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2013 as written. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 10, 2013 as written. Mr. Blaschik abstained from the vote and the motion passed with a majority of ayes.

4. Correspondence: Mr. Walter distributed a Municipal Management Bulletin from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities explaining the Connecticut Supreme Court ruling reversing the Trial Court decision which concludes that municipalities have the authority to assess partially constructed structures.

Mr. Walter also distributed a letter he received from a resident Michael Malm regarding his objection to the street name change of Old Town Street. Mr. Malm requested that the decision to change the name of Old Town Street to Phelps Road be rescinded. It was noted that the Emergency Management Director received the same letter. The board noted that the road name project was in the works for a long time and that the issue had already been voted on at town meeting. It was the consensus of the board to take no action on Mr. Malm's request.

Mr. Walter shared a letter to the editor regarding the budget from David Sloan that appeared in the Middletown Press that morning. The board had a brief discussion regarding the letter noting that it did not mention the recent revaluation that had an impact on the budget and mill rate.

5. First Selectmen's Report

A. Transfer Station Report: Mr. Walter asked Beth Lunt, Public Works Administrator, to inform the board about the recent damage to the Transfer Station hopper. Mr. Lunt noted that on June 7 R.A. Parady & Sons came to the Transfer Station to dump a 12 yard container. In the process of dumping the container the swing arm on the Parady truck malfunctioned and the container fell into the hopper causing significant damage to all the welds and split one side of the hopper. A safety inspector from the company that services our hopper reviewed the damage and has deemed that the hopper is not safe to accept commercial hauler garbage until repaired. The damage is estimated at approximately \$5,100-\$5,200. Mr. Blaschik asked where the town was sending the commercial haulers. Ms. Lunt replied that they are being instructed to go directly to Willimantic Waste. The town will reimburse them \$50/per load for hauling and is paying the tipping fee. She added that she has received the first bill from All Waste and

they are charging the town a \$90 hauling fee. Mr. Blaschik asked what the timetable was for getting the hopper fixed. Ms. Lunt noted that was unknown at this time. Mr. Walter explained the he and Mr. Lyman wen under the hopper and looked at the damage. The board discussed the general condition of the hopper and its overall poor condition. Mr. Walter noted that the \$15,000 put into it last year was only a band aid.

6. Citizen's Concerns: There were no citizen's concerns brought up at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business:

A. Tax and Business Incentive Program Application: There was no update on this item and the Selectmen agreed to table this agenda item for the meeting.

B. 2013 Neighborhood Assistance Act Approvals: Mr. Walter reported that a public hearing was held on the NAA proposals on June 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and stated that the Town now needs to send the proposals to the State for final approval.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve and forward to the State for their approval three (3) projects requesting funding by the Neighborhood Assistance Act for 2013. Unanimous aye.

8. New Business

A. Volunteer of the Month (June): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a Volunteer of the Month recommendation received via email.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to name Michael Parker as volunteer of the month for June 2013. Unanimous aye.

B. Grange Hall – Beer & Wine Approval: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a letter from Marianne Halpin, requesting permission to serve wine at the Grange Hall for the summer author series event on June 21st.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the serving of wine at the Grange Hall for the summer author series event on June 21, 2013. Unanimous aye.

C. Tax Refunds: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to one tax refund.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award a tax refund in the amount of \$143.11 to VW Credit Leasing LTD. Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment at the meeting.

10. Selectmen's Discussion:

A. Budget Referendum (June 27, 2013): Mr. Walter reminded the board that the budget referendum was June 27.

B. Potential BOS Meeting (June 27, 2013 – To set mill rate if necessary): Mr. Walter explained that in the case the budget referendum failed the Board of Selectmen would be required to pass a motion to set the mill rate. The board asked questions regarding the requirements for this motion. Mr.

Walter asked Ms. Zemienieski to provide the board with the legal opinion letter the town received when this happened in 2008 and state statute that dictates this action.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Lyman, Secretary

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