

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING - 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order: First Selectman Leo Paul, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all Selectmen present: Jonathan Tarrant, Diane Knox, Paul Parsons and Jeffrey Zullo.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to approve the regular January 3, 2017 meeting minutes with the correction noted of \$58,000 replacing \$558,000 under Selectmen's Requests. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: Ron Glander reported tripping on the LHS sidewalk that has cracked already because there was no rebar, and he showed pictures. He also noted that not one of the truncated domes are intact and noted they are required by law. He passed out ADA Best Practices Tool Kit information for "Curb Ramps and Pedestrian Crossings." He said the sidewalk job was substandard and it was appalling to him that our Town looks so foolish in the construction world.

Selectmen's Requests: J. Zullo said Mr. Paul should not limit the public's time to speak as he had with Mr. Glander. Mr. Paul said he thought Mr. Glander had made his points clear and was finished.

Resignations: None

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments

a) **Interview Robert Gallow for Park and Recreation, term 6/2019:** Mr. Paul said he waived Mr. Gallow's interview since everyone knows him. **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to appoint Mr. Gallow to the Park and Recreation Commission for term ending in June, 2019. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

b) **Reappoint Malcolm H. Forbes to Milton Historic District, term 1/2022:** **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to reappoint Mr. Forbes as above and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

c) **Reappoint William J. Buckley, Jr. to WPCA, term 1/2022:** **Motion:** D. Knox moved to reappoint Mr. Buckley as above and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

d) **Reappoint George Humphrey, Jr. to Tree Warden, term 2/2018:** **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to reappoint Mr. Humphrey as above and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 1/9/17 Board of Finance minutes; 12/21/16 Board of Education minutes

Green Team Update: J. Zullo said the next meeting will be early February.

Vacancies: The list of current appointed vacancies with term expirations is as follows:

Bantam Lake Authority: 1 member 12/2016
Beautification Commission: 2 alternates 2/2019
Board of Ethics: 2 alternate members 6/2017, 6/2019
Cable TV Advisory Council: 1 member 6/2017
Capital Improvements Committee: 1 citizen at large
Conservation Commission: 1 regular members 12/2016; 2 alternate members 12/2018
Economic Development Commission: 2 alt. members 6/2018, 6/2017
Inland Wetlands: 1 regular member 2017; 2 alternate members 6/2017
Litchfield Prevention Council: 2 alternate members 6/2017, 6/2019

Milton Historic District Commission: 2 alternate members 1/2018, 1/2018
Northwest CT Convention & Visitors Bureau: 1 member 9/2018
Park & Recreation: 2 alternate members: 6/2017, 6/2018
Pension Commission: 1 alternate member 3/2019
Recycling Committee: 5 members: two 2/2016, one 2/2017, two 2/2018
Social Services Board: 1 member 2/2017
Veteran's Advisory Committee: 2 regular members 8/2016, 8/2018; 2 alternate members 8/2018
Water Pollution Control Authority: 1 alternate member 1/2016
Zoning Board of Appeals: 1 regular member 3/2021; 2 alternate members 3/2020

Tax Refunds: **Motion:** P. Parsons moved to approve the four tax refunds for a total of \$539.93 as presented by the Tax Collector. J. Torrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Transfers: None

Old Business: None

New Business

a) **Award Bid for Drainage Remediation of Jefferson Hill South Road:** Raz Alexe said there were 12 bidders and the project involves improving drainage. They have engineered plans. Towne & Aurell came in second to HLC Excavation, but HLC did not have a bond, and he thought T&A was better equipped to do this job. This is a Capital project for 2017/18, but it will not be able to be started until the money is bonded. J. Zullo said the budget has not been approved yet, so the project cannot be approved. They discussed using Capital Non-recurring funds in the amount of \$47,000. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to table this transfer to a future meeting, and P. Parsons seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Paul asked Mr. Alexe to speak to the contractor on the school sidewalk project about the rebar question and invite him to the table. Mr. Alexe thought there was retainage that could be used for inspections.

b) **Pension Discussion:** Mr. Paul said he has already responded and told the Pension Commission that if there is surplus in this year's budget, he would transfer money over so they can have a legal review and update to the Municipal Pension Plan. If not, he will put it into next year's budget. The group agreed.

c) **Ratify LMEA 1303-329 Contract:** Mr. Paul said this contract is almost the same as the supervisors' contract but with 3% increase for four years. It includes the HSA health insurance plan with the Town helping 75%, 60% and 50% on the high deductible for the next 3 years to get the HSA plan in place. This will save the community quite a lot. It will take effect 7/1/16, with the HSA starting 7/1/17. J. Zullo questioned the increases above inflation, but Mr. Paul said it was incentive to move to the HSA. As it was, this almost went to arbitration. **Motion:** P. Parsons moved to ratify the LMEA 1303-329 contract, and D. Knox seconded. Mr. Zullo asked what this adds to the Town's cost each year, and Mr. Paul said he will get him the numbers. Upon voting, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: **Motion:** P. Parsons moved to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. and J. Torrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman