

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014
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 the following Selectmen present: Jonathan Tarrant, Jeffrey Zullo, and Diane Knox. Paul Parsons was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes: Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 15, 2014, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye except D. Knox, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: None

Selectmen's Requests: Mr. Paul informed the Board that SBA has deferred the discussion on the cell tower. They want to conduct bore testing and they are working with J. Healy to show where they want to do the tests. It may be a couple months before the results are back and they are ready to present to the Board.

J. Tarrant asked about following up with Peg Perusse on the school building project close-out. Mr. Paul said he will try to get her back in at the next meeting for a report. J. Zullo said there is still a final change order that is open that must be finalized before the State will do the audit.

Resignations

- a) Kate Tilbe from Litchfield Prevention Council, regular board, effective 5/20/14: received and noted
- b) George Tilbe from Litchfield Prevention Council, alternate board, effective 5/20/14: received and noted
- c) Marion Pettinicchi from Litchfield Prevention Council, alternate board, effective 7/18/14: received and noted

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments

a) Reappoint Stephen R. Williams to Veterans' Advisory Committee, term 8/2017: Motion: J. Zullo moved to reappoint Stephen R. Williams to the Veterans' Advisory Committee until August, 2017. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

b) Interview Robert Berson for Litchfield Prevention Council, regular board, term 6/2015: Mr. Berson said he is a clinical psychologist and family therapist, closing his practice about ten years ago. He dealt with many mental illness cases with co-occurring substance abuse problems. He is committed to substance abuse prevention and would be happy to serve. D. Knox endorsed Mr. Berson for this position. Motion: J. Zullo moved to appoint Robert Berson to the Litchfield Prevention Council, regular member, with term expiration of 6/2015, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

c) Interview Dana Moore for Litchfield Prevention Council, alternate board, term 6/2017: Dana Moore said she grew up in Litchfield and has had family members who have had issues. She is passionate about drug prevention and would like to serve. Motion: J. Zullo moved to appoint Dana Moore to the Litchfield Prevention Council, alternate member, with term expiration of 6/2017. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

d) Appoint Marion Pettinicchi to Litchfield Prevention Council, regular board, term 6/2017: Motion: J. Zullo moved to appoint Marion Pettinicchi to the Litchfield Prevention Council, regular member, with term expiration of 6/2017. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 7/17/14 Sandy Beach Commission minutes; 6/25/14 Economic Development Commission minutes; 6/24/14 & 7/22/14 Conservation Commission minutes (draft); 7/23/14 Interlocal Advisory Board (for Bantam Lake Jambs) minutes; 7/9/14 Inland Wetlands Commission minutes; 7/10/14 WPCA minutes; 6/18/14 regular Board of Education minutes (draft); 6/23/14 special Board of Education minutes (draft)

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

Beautification Commission: 2 regular members 2/2015, 2/2016; 2 alternates 2/2016
Conservation Commission: 1 regular member 12/2016; 2 alternate members 12/2015
Economic Development Commission: One regular member 6/2014; 3 alternate members 6/2015, 6/2016, 6/2017
Litchfield Prevention Council: 3 alternate members, two 6/2016, 6/2017
Milton Historic District Commission: 3 alternate members 1/2015, 1/2015, 1/2019
Northwest Regional Mental Health Board, Catchment Area Council #22, at-large member 5/2015
Park & Recreation: 1 regular member 6/2018; 2 alternate members: 6/2017, 6/2018
Recycling Committee: 4 members, 2/2015, two 2/2016, 2/2017
Town Hall Building Committee: 1 member, 3/2015
Veteran's Advisory Committee: 2 regular members 8/2016, 8/2015; 2 alternate members 8/2015
Water Pollution Control Authority: 1 alternate member 1/2015
Zoning Board of Appeals: 1 regular member 3/2015

Tax Refunds: None

Transfers: None

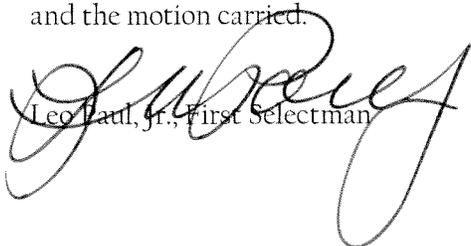
Old Business: None

New Business

a) Bid Award – BOE VOIP Phone System: L. Paul suggested delaying this award until the next meeting as there is so much information that is not yet available. There are current questions on a hosted vs. non-hosted system, and questions whether E-Rates will be available. Also, the Board of Ed is now taking a look at the entire district rather than just the Center School. There will be another meeting Monday night to put together a memo with recommendations and options for the future. Jack Healy, Frank Simone and John Bongiorno were present to answer questions. Mr. Bongiorno said that currently they have a 40% discount on the E-Rate that makes a hosted solution attractive. However, there is information that the State may change this to a graduated scale, meaning Litchfield may get 10% or no discount at all. If that happens the hosted solution would be too expensive, especially looking toward contiguous service district-wide. J. Healy said he and Mr. Paul have put calls in to CEN to confirm what the E-Rate is. They should be ready for a recommendation by the August 19th meeting. J. Healy reminded them that a three-year hosted lease would need to go to Town Meeting.

b) Waive Building Permit Fee for Northfield Firehouse Electrical Work: Motion: D. Knox moved to waive the building permit fee for electrical work at the Northfield Firehouse, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried. T. Legendre will work with John Worthington to group future building permit fee waivers together for approval.

Adjournment: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.


Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman