

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013  
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING - 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order: Leo Paul, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with all Selectmen present: Diane Knox, Jonathan Tarrant, Paul Parsons and Jeffrey Zullo.

Approval of Minutes: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the regular 12/18/12 meeting minutes and J. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: Betsy Glassman spoke regarding the 4/15/08 Town Meeting that transferred 12.66 acres on Torrington Road to the Litchfield Housing Trust for building affordable housing. She said few residents knew of the meeting because the Town violated a State statute 7-163e when it failed to post a sign conspicuously at the property. The Town warned the meeting in the Republican-American, that has a circulation of only 9% of Litchfield's population. Secondly, the notice was only placed in the newspaper once, violating the same statute's requirement that it must appear twice in the newspaper. It was stated at the meeting that only 6 housing units would be built, but now there is an application before Inland Wetlands Commission for 9 units. The Housing Trust said in a P&Z meeting in 2008 they needed help with infrastructure from the Town. She would like to know what these items are and what they will cost. She has asked the State and Federal governments to conduct a full legal and environmental review of these issues. She is also making a complaint to the Town and asked the First Selectman what he will do about it. Further, she referred to the 20-acre Anderson property site that was planned for the courthouse. She said a transfer of that State land to the Town and then to the Housing Trust in 2010 was discussed, and she wants to know the outcome. She also asked if the Town is paying for any of the Litchfield Housing Trust personnel. She submitted the State law and her statement to Mr. Paul.

Albert Saunders, abutting property owner of the Housing Trust's proposed project, was concerned with water. He and his neighbors have wells and many are barely adequate to meet the needs now. He asked what the Town would do if the project damages their supply of water.

Bill Moorhead, 486 Torrington Road, said the Housing Trust property is an ecologically unique parcel, with a population of a rare species of orchid. He said the project will have a huge impact on a parcel of land that should have been protected as open space. He never knew of the Town Meeting in 2008 and believes the transfer of the property from the Town to the Housing Trust was illegal and should be deemed invalid.

Peter Crowley, 464 Torrington Road, said he has trouble with his well and was concerned with whether the Town would supply water should the project negatively impact his well.

Selectmen's Requests: None

Resignations: None

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments

a) Reappoint Mark Austin to Conservation Commission, term expiration 12/2015: Motion: J. Zullo moved to reappoint Mark Austin as above and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Declining Reappointment:

Philip G. Sampanaro from Beautification Commission: Received and noted  
Susan Alvord from Beautification Commission: Received and noted

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 12/12/12 Inland Wetlands minutes, 12/18/12 Capital Improvements Committee minutes

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

Beautification Commission: 4 regular members 2/2015, 2/2014, 2/16, 2/16; 2 alternates 2/2016  
Economic Development Commission: One regular member 6/2013; 1 alternate 6/2013  
Inland Wetlands Commission: 2 alternate members 6/2013  
Litchfield Housing Authority: 1 regular member 8/2013  
Milton Historic District Commission: 2 alternate members 1/2015  
Park & Recreation: 2 alternate members: 6/2013, 6/2014  
Recycling Committee: 4 members, 2/2015, two 2/2013, 2/2014  
Social Services Board: 1 member, 2/2015  
Town Hall Building Committee: 1 member, 3/2015  
Veteran's Advisory Committee: 2 regular member 8/2013, 8/2015; 2 alternate members 8/2015  
Water Pollution Control Authority: 1 regular member 1/2013; 1 alternate member 1/2015

### Old Business

a) **Expand Charge of Town Hall Building Committee and Funding** – tabled from 12/18/12: L. Paul said he has spoken with J. Zullo, and other members of the Building Committee would prefer that the expansion of their responsibility be according to language proposed at the last Selectmen's meeting. There is no new language available to add to the agreement. Mr. Zullo noted some differences in the state of the Town buildings since the 2008 Building Committee report and said he thought a larger analysis would be advantageous. The Chairman said he would not be willing to get into this, and Mr. Zullo said he would not stop the Committee from moving forward with the proposed amendment to the resolution. D. Knox cautioned about under-utilized school facilities, not knowing the direction they may go in the future. She said there is a lot on the horizon regarding early childhood programs coming to elementary schools. P. Parsons said he agreed with the proposed wording change and would encourage the Committee to go forward to the public hearings.

**Motion:** P. Parsons moved to add the Building Committee's proposed wording to the *Resolution Establishing a Town Hall Building Committee and Mission* under Section 5. Duties: Insert after second sentence, "The Committee shall prepare cost estimates necessary for code compliance, maintenance and renovation for the current Town Hall and Annex buildings as anticipated for 20 years. It shall prepare annual operational costs estimates for the conceptual new Town Hall and Annex buildings." D. Knox seconded the motion. Upon voting all voted aye except J. Zullo who voted nay without prejudice, and the motion carried.

**Motion:** P. Parsons moved to provide additional funding of \$7,000 to be transferred from Capital Non-recurring as advised by the Finance Department to be used by the Town Hall Building Committee for this further study added to its charge. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

b) **Interlocal Agreement Revision:** L. Paul explained that the current Interlocal Agreement, with four members, only allows Lee Losee, Borough Warden, and L. Paul, First Selectman, to vote on Town decisions. They have reworded the Agreement to bring it up to date and to change the number of members to five, to be appointed by both the Borough Warden and the First Selectman. This agreement was started when the Borough's police force was disbanded and the Town took over responsibility for ticketing and traffic control. It is a 20-year agreement that must be approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Borough's Board of Burgesses. **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to approve the revised Interlocal

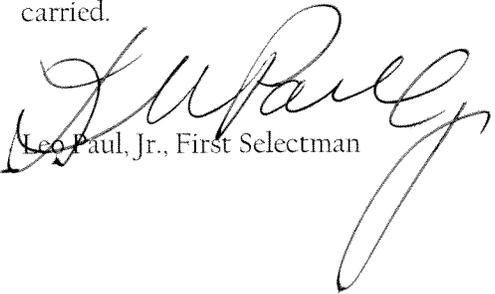
Agreement as drafted. D. Knox seconded. P. Parsons confirmed that the wording does not change the obligations. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried.

New Business: None

Correspondence

a) LHCEO Region Salary Survey: L. Paul explained the information provided by the participating communities to LHCEO for this regional salary comparison.

**Motion:** P. Parsons moved to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

  
Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman