

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016  
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING - 5:30 P.M.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 15, 2015, and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Selectmen's Requests: Mr. Paul distributed a package of material for each Selectman from resident Lynn Fulkerson. J. Zullo asked about a budget process meeting schedule, and Mr. Paul said he does not yet have a schedule, but the earliest would be mid-February.

Public Requests/Comments: Lynn Fulkerson spoke on behalf of a group of local citizens about the information she gave to the Board regarding concerns on disposal, storage and use of fracking waste in Litchfield. She passed out maps and explained the components of the waste that is being produced in New York and Pennsylvania from fracking in Marcellus shale. She said radioactive and carcinogenic materials are in the waste and could potentially be sold as brine for our highways. If it were used, it would make its way into our rivers, streams and water table. Currently our Legislature has imposed a moratorium on fracking waste until 2017 so that the DEEP can develop regulations regarding disposal, storage and treatment of it. She is concerned that the regulations will not be sufficient to protect the safety and health of Litchfield residents and is asking the Selectmen to enact an ordinance banning storage, disposal and use of fracking waste in the Town of Litchfield.

Resident Sonya Osborn read a letter from Margaret Miner, Executive Director of Rivers Alliance of Connecticut, advocating for a State-wide ban on importation of fracking waste. Engineers in fracking regions have not been able to treat the waste adequately for local disposal, so they seek to export where other states can continue treatment. The three large treatment plants in the State program in CT are overburdened already and resources for enforcement are very slight. Given problems with State level management, she concluded it to be prudent for towns to enact local bans.

Gerry Geci felt it is important to look into this and support the ban. Mr. Paul said he would talk to Town Counsel Mike Rybak about this. J. Zullo asked him to study and analyze this and talk to Rivers Alliance, DEEP, and any others who could supply data.

Motion: J. Zullo moved to add a discussion on a fracking ban in Litchfield under New Business on a future meeting agenda, with date to be determined based on available information. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Resignations

a) David W. Geiger from WPCA, regular member: Motion: J. Zullo moved to accept the resignation of David W. Geiger from the regular board of the Water Pollution Control Authority, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments

a) Appoint David W. Geiger to WPCA, alternate member, term 1/2020: J. Zullo moved to appoint David W. Geiger to the alternate board of the Water Pollution Control Authority, with term expiration of 1/2020. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion:** J. Zullo moved to remove Item b) below from the agenda, to be considered at a later time. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

b) Reappoint Christian Bratina to WPCA, term 1/2021: removed from agenda

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 12/14/15 Board of Finance minutes; 12/9/15 Inland Wetlands Commission minutes; 11/3/15 ZBA minutes; 11/5/15 Design Review Advisory Committee minutes; 12/15/15 Capital Improvements Committee minutes

J. Tarrant asked for a clarification regarding the property tax situation on 66 Donahue Road Ext. from page 2 of the 12/14/15 Board of Finance minutes.

Green Team Update: J. Zullo reported and passed out a utility usage summary of three buildings in Town: Town Hall, Bantam Borough Hall, and Public Works, with baseline of 2011. They have done a similar review of all buildings in town. They are gathering all data. The audit should be done in the next few weeks, as well as the Municipal Action Plan. They will also have results of the audit on the SBEA grant for offsetting cost of electric lights with the LED lights. He would like to present findings to the Selectmen at its March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, with recommendations to come later.

Town Facilities Committee Update: J. Zullo reported plans to get the draft statement of work finalized by the end of this month in order to go out for an RFQ for a consultant to do an evaluation of the space and academic utilization of the schools. Next meeting is Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. They will need to increase the budget to cover the consultant fee. There was discussion about getting someone on the Committee who would make sure the RFQ goes out.

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

Bantam Lake Authority: 1 member 12/2018  
Beautification Commission: 3 regular members: three 2/2016; 2 alternates 2/2016  
Cable TV Advisory Council: 1 member 6/2017  
Capital Improvements Committee: 1 PW Dir, 2 citizens at large  
Conservation Commission: 2 regular members 12/2016, 12/2018; 2 alternate members 12/2015  
Economic Development Commission: 2 alternate members 6/2016  
Interlocal Advisory Board (Jambs): PW Dir/Eng./Construction, and 2 BLA members  
Litchfield Prevention Council: 3 alternate members: one 6/17, two 6/2016  
Milton Historic District Commission: 3 alternate members 1/2015, 1/2015, 1/2019  
Northwest CT Convention & Visitors Bureau: 1 member 9/2018  
Park & Recreation: 1 regular member; 2 alternate members: 6/2017, 6/2018  
Recycling Committee: 5 members: two 2/2016, one 2/2017, two 2/2018  
Torrington Area Health District: 1 member 12/2018  
Town Hall Building Committee: 1 member, 3/2018; one alternate 3/2018  
Veteran's Advisory Committee: 2 regular members 8/2016, 8/2015; 2 alternate members 8/2015  
Water Pollution Control Authority: 1 regular member 1/2021  
Zoning Board of Appeals: 2 alternate member 3/2015

Tax Refunds: Motion: P. Parsons moved to approve the 7 refunds, for a total of \$1,283.86. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Transfers: None

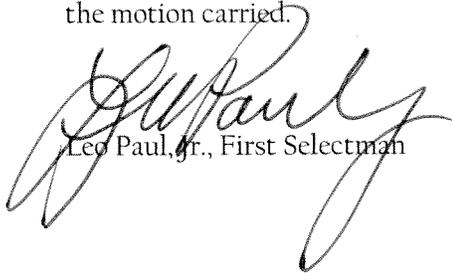
Old Business: None

New Business

a) Annual Town Meeting Call – 1/12/16: L. Paul read the two items on the call: sale of Property at 66 Donahue Road Ext. and authorization of temporary borrowings for the Town's use for budgeted expenditures. Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the Notice of Annual Town Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 12, 2016 at the Litchfield Firehouse as read by the First Selectman. P. Parsons seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried. All Selectmen signed the call.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Motion: J. Zullo moved to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman