

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016
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 Selectmen Jonathan Tarrant and Diane Knox attending. Jeffrey Zullo and Paul Parsons were absent.

Approval of Minutes

a) Regular 6/21/16: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the minutes of 6/21/16 and L. Paul seconded. J. Tarrant and L. Paul voted aye, and D. Knox abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: None

Selectmen's Requests: L. Paul asked the Board that if anyone calls to complain to them about the Foothills Trader, they should give them the phone number of Kevin Corrado at the New Haven Register, 203-789-4600. Mr. Corrado says they are still trying to work out issues with their contract. The cost of mailing has gone up. Because they seemed to have fewer complaints, he was surprised that we were still getting calls. Mr. Corrado needs to know there are still delivery issues with the Foothills Trader.

Resignations

a) Alexander VandenBerg from Economic Development Commission, effective 6/19/16: received and noted.

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments: None

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 6/21/16 Board of Finance minutes; 6/16/16 Sandy Beach minutes; 5/25/16 Economic Development Commission minutes (draft); 5/24/16 Conservation Commission minutes (draft); 5/12/16 Fire Commission minutes; 6/15/16 Board of Education minutes (draft)

Bantam Lake Jambs Update - Town Counsel Michael Rybak: Mr. Paul gave some of the long history of this project with delays due to change in location for the jambs and different property owners to deal with over the years. Because the project has been in limbo for a while, Mr. Paul is now going to contact the State to activate the two STEAP grants we have secured totaling \$380,000. He spoke with DEEP today to look into it. Both Morris and Litchfield have agreed on the easement, and they still need an easement from Russ Barton and White Memorial. They will need a re-design before getting into construction. Mr. Rybak said the issue is an overlay of property rights where the old railroad crosses the river. Eversource also has an easement (prior to the railroad) and they acquired the railroad rights, so they have the upper level easement and abutments. The thread of the river is probably White Memorial and/or White Memorial Conservation Center. White Memorial has the southern shore and the current jambs location. Russ Barton and the Bantam River Corporate Park has the north shore. CFD Properties has the area on the other side of the railroad tracks where a staging area exists. They all need to grant easements. The most difficult part was CL&P/Eversource who would not grant a full easement, only a license. A license is only a permission to commit a trespass. It is not an interest in real estate. It does not normally involve permanent structures, certainly not flood control or water elevational structures. Eversource has finally agreed to give a permanent easement with many conditions involving environmental and operation of the jambs. There is a meeting set for Thursday with the engineering firm to discuss updating the plans. There is an 8-24 favorable report from Planning and Zoning. Morris will have to do secure same, and Bantam Lake Authority will have to vote to accept the easement. Then both Litchfield and Morris will have to go to Town Meeting. Mr. Paul said that although this seems to be moving along, it could take a year to get all the permits in place on the final design. The jambs are

designed to regulate the depth of the lake during low flow times. J. Tarrant, as Chairman of the Interlocal Advisory Board for the Bantam Lake Jambs, noted that since the Board has been meeting, several of the members have dropped off, so they will need more members when the Board's work resumes.

Green Team Update: No report

Town Facilities Committee Update: No report

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 PW Dir, 2 citizens at large
Conservation Commission: 1 regular members 12/2016; 2 alternate members 12/2018
Economic Development Commission: 1 reg. member 6/2019; e alt. members 6/2019, 6/2018, 6/2017
Inland Wetlands: 1 alternate member 6/2017
Interlocal Advisory Board (Jambs): PW Dir/Eng./Construction, and 1 BLA member
Litchfield Prevention Council: 2 regular members 6/2017, 6/2018
Milton Historic District Commission: 3 alternate members 1/2018, 1/2018, 1/2019
Northwest CT Convention & Visitors Bureau: 1 member 9/2018
Park & Recreation: 1 regular member; 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
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:** J. Tarrant moved to approve the 4 tax refunds submitted by Nancy Southard, Tax Collector, in the amount of \$491.57. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Transfers: None

Old Business: None

New Business

a) **Award Bid for Replacement of Headquarters Road Bridge No. 73027 over Shepaug River Branch:** Raz Alexe, Public Works Director, explained his pleasure with having eight competitive bids. He recommended the lowest bidder, Towne & Aurell, who is well qualified, at \$220,487.00. **Motion:** D. Knox moved to award the Headquarters Road Bridge contract to Towne & Aurell in the amount of \$220,487.00. J. Tarrant seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion carried.

b) **Award Bid for Center School Exterior Wood Doors:** Raz Alexe said these are unique doors with special wood and size that makes them hard to obtain. Although they had four contractors at the walk-through, they only had one bid from Go Green Builders, LLC, and they are within the budget for the job. He felt confident recommending them. **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to award the Center School doors contract to Go Green Builders LLC in the amount of \$45,850.00 and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

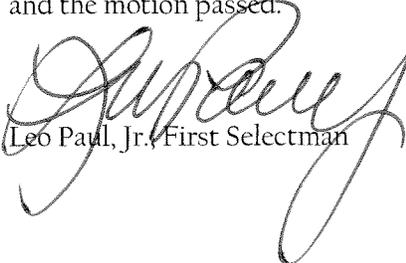
c) **Award Bid for Fencing Around Four Above-Ground Tanks:** Raz explained that the mandatory code requires fencing around the tanks that were installed last year. He recommends Cape Cod Fence, the low bidder, at \$10,978.00. The budget has \$9,000 and Raz is planning to supplement the \$1,900 from the funding from remediation after removing the old tanks. **Motion:** D. Knox moved to award the contract to Cape Cod Fence Co. for the installation of fences around the above ground tanks at four locations, in the amount of \$10,978.00. J. Torrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

d) **Award Bid for Bathhouse Demolition at the Town Beach:** This is being covered by STEAP funds of \$24,010 reactivated. The bath house is in poor condition and is no longer used. There is a tank that has been discontinued under the ground, but they will only raise the building to the platform. There were five bidders and he recommends Stone Construction, the low bidder, at \$4,400. **Motion:** J. Torrant moved to award the bid for demolition of the Litchfield Town Beach bath house to Stone Construction in the amount of \$4,400. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

e) **Award Bid for Litchfield Firehouse ADA Updates, Bathrooms Remodeling and Flooring Replacement:** Raz explained this has been a long awaited project, with several ADA issues. There were two bidders and very good drawings from Mike Boe of Torrington. He recommended the low bidder, RJB, at \$194,363.00. **Motion:** J. Torrant moved to award the contract for the remodeling of Litchfield Firehouse to RJB at \$194,363.00. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: **Motion:** J. Torrant moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion passed.



Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman