

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 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. All Selectmen were present: Jonathan Tarrant, Jeffrey Zullo, Paul Parsons and Diane Knox.

Approval of Minutes

- a) Regular 2/18/14: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the regular minutes of 2/18/14 and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye except J. Zullo, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.
- b) Special 2/25/14: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the special budget minutes of 2/25/14, and D. Knox seconded. P. Parsons moved to amend the minutes to note the date as 2014 instead of 2013. D. Knox seconded the amendment, all voted aye and it passed. Voting on the original motion as amended all voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: Diane Wilson, 138 West Street, represented citizens that want to insure the schools are safe. They have conducted an audit and implemented necessary security improvements. She felt the schools have not done enough compared to surrounding schools. She did note and commend the budgeted items in the Capital Budget. She asked that improvements should be top priority and should be made by the start of the next school year, latest.

Jennifer Gianfagna, 27 Norfolk Road, supported Ms Wilson's comments and encouraged the Town to make these improvements happen.

Patricia McTague spoke in support.

Jennifer Terzi, 145 South Street, moved here because it is a small town and she wants it to be safe.

Selectmen's Requests: Mr. Paul reminded the Board that they will present the budget to the Board of Finance on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Intermediate School.

Resignations: None

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments: None

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 2/11/14 Inland Wetlands Commission minutes; 1/28/14 Conservation Commission minutes (draft); 2/19/14 BOE minutes; 2/20/14 BOE special minutes

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

Beautification Commission: 3 regular members 2/2015, 2/2014, 2/16; 2 alternates 2/2016
Conservation Commission: 1 member 12/2013; 2 alternate members 12/2015
Economic Development Commission: One regular member 6/2016; 2 alternates 6/2014, 6/2016
Inland Wetlands Commission: 1 alternate member 6/2014
Milton Historic District Commission: 3 alternate members 1/2015, 1/2015, 1/2014
Northwest Regional Mental Health Board, Catchment Area Council #22, at-large member 5/2015
Park & Recreation: 2 alternate members: 6/2017, 6/2014
Recycling Committee: 4 members, 2/2015, two 2/2016, 2/2014
Sandy Beach Commission: 1 regular member 12/2015

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: Motion: J. Torrant moved to approve the six tax refunds for a total of \$574.57, and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Transfers: None

Old Business

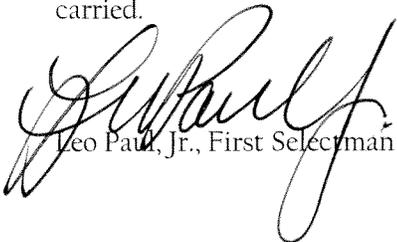
a) **Update on School Building Project – Peg Perusse:** Ms Perusse said the final change order response from the State was as the end of August, 2013. Between a convalescing husband and traveling, she is almost finished with her logs of eligible and ineligible change orders based on the responses from the State, and she is still working with her State contact. She will look at the numbers from the State when these are complete and will fill out the final EDO-46 asking for the final money. After that is sent in, they will do the application for the grant. The Board of Education will approve, and then it's about a six month wait.

b) **Review of Board of Education Computer and Technology Plan – Jason Lathrop:** Mr. Lathrop showed a technology video and presented a four-year plan dated 2/11/14 for computers and technology. Questions were asked about the plan. J. Zullo asked to see documentation in a comprehensive plan showing how they would be using this significant investment of Town resources in delivering, improving and enhancing the grade 7-12 curriculum. J. Torrant agreed with Mr. Zullo that there should be a narrative included with the report that explains the reasoning behind the spread sheets. Mr. Paul added that a comprehensive plan solidifies the budget request and informs the public. D. Knox added it should be shown how they use each type of technology, where they are going with it, what they want to accomplish with the technology, explain the day to day usage, how smart boards are used, how they monitor the research the students do, etc. She asked Mr. Simone to get a report back with this information. All agreed and looked forward to having them back at a future meeting.

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Motion: P. Parsons moved to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. and J. Torrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman