

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015
LITCHFIELD TOWN OFFICE BUILDING – 5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Leo Paul, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with Selectmen Jonathan Tarrant and Diane Knox present. Paul Parsons and Jeffrey Zullo were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of the 5/5/15, and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

SELECTMEN'S REQUESTS: L. Paul explained the town received a grant award of \$27,200 to connect Town Hall to Nutmeg Network to for faster network service. This will allow the lines to be run to the buildings. The Board of Education is already connected. This agreement will be brought to town meeting for approval.

Motion: J. Tarrant moved to add to New Business e) "Award Recycling Building Bid" and f) "Award School Window Filming Bid." D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: J. Tarrant moved to table Item b "Award Bid for Underground Fuel Storage Tank Removal" under New Business to the next meeting, seconded by D. Knox. All voted aye, motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS:

RESIGNATIONS:

a) Declining reappointment Gerald Gault from Cable Television Advisory Council, received and noted.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:

a) **Appoint Stephen Simonin to Cable Television Advisory Council, regular member, term 6/2017:**

Motion: J. Tarrant moved to reappoint Stephen Simonin to Cable Television Advisory Council, as a regular member, with term ending 6/2017. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

VACANCIES:

Beautification Commission: 6 regular members: three 2/2016, one 2/2017, two 2/2018; 2 alternates 2/2016

Conservation Commission: 2 alternate members 12/2015

Economic Development Commission: 2 alternate members 6/2016

Litchfield Prevention Council: 3 alternate members: one 6/17, two 6/2016

Milton Historic District Commission: 1 regular member 1/2020; 3 alternate members 1/2015, 1/2015, 1/2019

Park & Recreation: 2 alternate members: 6/2017, 6/2018

Recycling Committee: 5 members: two 2/2016, one 2/2017, two 2/2018

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 alternate member 1/2015

Zoning Board of Appeals: 2 alternate member 3/2015

TAX REFUNDS: **Motion:** D. Knox moved to approve one refund, for \$59.64. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

TRANSFERS:

a) Transfer #6 - \$500 from 01108-50106 (Elections) Temporary PT to 01-1107-50106 (Registrars) Temporary PT and \$1,240 from 01-1108-51802 Printing to 01-1107-51803 Meetings/Conferences: Mr. Paul reviewed the transfer with the Board. **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to approve Transfer #6 as per the request from the Registrar of Voters Office. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Eversource Transmission Project Presentation – Steve Silva, Marcia Wellman and Jason Cabral: Marcia Wellman explained that a few years ago they met with the Board to discuss the Central CT Project that would have added a new large capacity transmission line. With the economic downturn the project was cancelled. Jason Cabral explained that the current project is a 115 volt project from Watertown to Harwinton passing through Litchfield and crossing over Campville Road. The project is to provide a reliable system. New structures will be higher at 90' from 75-80'. Spanning over the river the towers will range from 165' to 185' due the long span over the river. J. Tarrant asked about the increased height of the towers, excluding the towers over the river. J. Cabral explained the heights have to follow new standard requirements. L. Paul asked about the impact to residents on Mason Hill, Campville Road, Hopkins Road and a private road in the area. J. Cabral pointed out the tree clearing area on the map. L. Paul asked if there will still be a tree buffer once the additional 50' of tree cleaning is done. L. Paul was concerned about one house in particular. J. Cabral said there would still be a 50' buffer to the edge of the right-of-way. M. Wellman said that every resident will have a field visit from Eversource to explain the scope of the work to be done. The proposed project is required go before the CT Siting Council and they have 12 months to approve. Eversource will conduct an open house in Northfield; sending invitations to everyone on the route and place notifications in newspapers. Eversource will take the public comments and try to incorporate them in their plan. Ct Siting Council will also hold public hearings. L. Paul insisted that the meetings be held in town. He also asked that Eversource be respectful and responsive to Litchfield residents. The process will be completed by 2018-19.

b) Award Bid for Underground Fuel Storage Tank Removal: Tabled to the June 2, 2015 meeting.

c) Present/Discuss/Approve MIRA Contract: L. Paul explained that with MIRA, formerly CRRA, the plan was to turn the Recycling Center to a Transfer Station. However, financially that did not work out. He explained the Tier 1 Long-Term Agreement is to commit all our trash and recyclables to MIRA. Recyclables at a minimum of \$10 per ton will be paid to the town and the tipping fee expense for trash is \$65 per ton. This is a 15-year agreement. L. Paul asked the Board to please review the Agreement prior to the next meeting, as the Agreement must go to town meeting in June.

d) Approve Use of Town Roads for 8/2/2015 “12th Annual Tour of the Litchfield Hills”: **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to approve the use of the town roads for the 12th Annual Tour of the Litchfield Hills on 8/2/15, seconded by D. Knox. All voted aye, motion passed unanimously.

e) Award Recycling Building Bid: J. Healy, Director of Public Works, explained the scope of the work. One bid was received by United Construction. They asked that the 10% retainage fee be reduced to 5% and after review J. Healy agreed to those terms. **MOTION:** J. Tarrant moved to award the Recycling Building Bid to the sole bidder United Construction in the amount of \$84,091.00 with the agreement that the retainage shall be 5% and a 100% performance bond will be submitted for the project. Seconded by D. Knox, all voted aye and the motion passed.

f) Award School Window Filming Bid: J. Healy, Director of Public Works, explained that the project can be done almost immediately. **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to award the Window Filming Installation at the Litchfield Public School to Pro-Film in the amount of \$22,589.00 and seconded by D. Knox. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion:** J. Torrant moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Leo Paul, Jr.
First Selectman