

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013  
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. Also present were all Selectmen Jeffrey Zullo, Jonathan Tarrant, Diane Knox and Paul Parsons.

Approval of Minutes: Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the regular 5/7/13 minutes and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye except P. Parsons, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: None

Selectmen's Requests: J. Zullo asked to be excused for both June meetings as he will be traveling. He would be available next week if a special meeting were needed for the budget. J. Tarrant said he would be away for the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. All others would be present.

Resignations

Declined Reappointment: Linda Fiore from Northwest Regional Mental Health Board, Catchment Area Council #22, at-large member: received and noted.

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments

- a) Reappoint Barbara Brower to Inland Wetlands Commission, term 6/2016
- b) Reappoint Carol Williams to Inland Wetlands Commission, term 6/2016
- c) Reappoint Gerald Gault to Cable Television Advisory Council, term 6/2016
- d) Reappoint Stephen Simonin to Cable Television Advisory Council, term 6/2016
- e) Reappoint Dr. Avery Jenkins to Board of Ethics, term 6/2016
- f) Reappoint David Luzi to Board of Ethics, term 6/2016
- g) Reappoint Edward J. Fabbri to Park and Recreation Commission, term 6/2017
- h) Reappoint Kathy Brown, Assessor, term 6/2017
- i) Reappoint John Worthington, Building Official/ADA Coordinator, term 6/2017

Motion: P. Parsons moved to reappoint a) through g) above, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the reappointments of Kathy Brown and John Worthington to their respective positions as in h) and i) above. D. Knox seconded. P. Parsons asked about the performance of these two positions, since they are employees. Mr. Paul said Ms Brown has been a breath of fresh air, moving forward to a digital format. She is now in the process of a revaluation. We will soon be able to see the land records on a link from the Town's website as a result of a contract approval with a company that will allow us to do that. John Worthington is known throughout the State for his ability and knowledge as a Building Official. Public feedback is always positive. Mr. Paul made it clear that this is not an assessment of their performance. Vote: Upon voting on the reappointments, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 5/13/13 Board of Finance minutes; 5/8/13 Inland Wetlands minutes; 4/4/13 and 4/25/13 Sandy Beach minutes; 5/9/13 WPCA minutes; 5/1/13 Board of Education minutes (draft)

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

Capital Improvements Committee: 1 member 11/2013  
Conservation Commission: 1 regular member 12/2014, 2 for 12/2013; 2 alternate members 12/2015  
Economic Development Commission: One regular member 6/2013; 1 alternate 6/2013  
Inland Wetlands Commission: 2 alternate members 6/2013  
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  
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 1/2018; 1 alternate member 1/2015

Tax Refunds: 7 Refunds, Total of \$612.22: L. Paul explained that one tax refund was eliminated from the last meeting because it was thought to be a duplicate. It was added back in because it was not a duplicate, but rather a separate refund from another year. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to approve the seven refunds in the amount of \$612.22. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

### Old Business

a) **School Regionalization Discussion Group Update** – L. Paul: Mr. Paul said there was a meeting nearly two weeks ago by the School Regionalization Discussion Group, and there appears to be a serious effort to review the process for regionalization between Region 6 and the Town of Litchfield. The Town and its Board of Education have agreed to continue to pay the consultant fees for Jon Costa, and the Board of Education was asked to provide data to Mr. Costa. Mr. Paul said there are four different scenarios being studied, and J. Zullo requested minutes. As the group moves forward, each town would hold a referendum to decide if a study committee should be formed. If it is desired, the committee would be formed and would present to each community and each of the four towns would call another referendum to approve the merger. J. Zullo asked about the apportionment of votes and Mr. Paul said there is a statute that addresses it. He said they should consider funding apportionment along with voting apportionment. Mr. Paul said the Board of Finance has not yet selected a representative for the Discussion Group. Mr. Zullo asked about the State Board of Ed's involvement, and Mr. Paul said he would ask Mr. Costa. The next meeting will be June 11 at the Wamogo Superintendent's office at 6:30 p.m., and he invited all selectmen to attend.

### New Business

- a) Award Bid for Engineering Consultant for Milton Road Bridge (No. 05184) Project
- b) Award Bid for Engineering Consultants for North Shore Road Bridge (No. 04433) Project
- c) Award Bid for Engineering Consultants for North Shore Road Bridge (No. 04343) Project

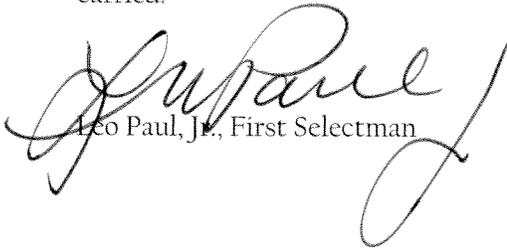
Public Works Director Jack Healy was present to explain that these are not bids. There is a selection process as these bridges are funded 80/20 by the State and Town. He said the Bridge Committee went through the interviewing process and scored the consultants and selected the one they want for the bridge. These three bridges are grouped together as they have the funding for them. The Bridge Committee requested qualification statements from the consultants and got 12 for each bridge. They down-selected to five, interviewed them and chose one for each bridge. They selected Cardinal Engineering for two because one of their principals is very good at scour analysis. GM2 was selected for the other bridge per its performance on other bridge jobs. He submitted the recommendations to the State, and they have replied in agreement of the recommendations. Mr. Healy wanted the Selectmen to be part of the process and said he would get the scoring sheets to them. He asked for the Selectmen's approval of the selections.

Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the selection of Cardinal Engineering Associates, Inc. as engineering consultant for the rehabilitation of Milton Road Bridge over the Marshepaug River, No. 05184, as well as for the North Shore Road Bridge over the Bantam River, No. 04343. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve the selection of GM2 Associates, Inc. as engineering consultant for the rehabilitation of North Shore Road Bridge over Butternut Brook, No. 04433. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Motion: J. Tarrant moved to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. and P. Parsons seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman