

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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. with Paul Parsons, Diane Knox and Jonathan Tarrant in attendance. Jeffrey Zullo joined the group at 5:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to approve the minutes of the regular October 1, 2013 meeting and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: None

Selectmen's Requests: **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to add under Interviews and Appointments, "Interview and Appoint Gwen Burgess for Beautification Commission – term 2/2016" and also "Interview and Appoint Mary Loyer for Board of Ethics, alternate member, term 6/2016". D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Paul said the 9/17/13 minutes need to be readopted with an amendment added. **Motion:** P. Parsons moved to add "Readopt 9/17/13 Minutes" to the agenda after Selectmen's Requests and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried. [*Jeffrey Zullo arrived here at 5:33 p.m.*]

Mr. Paul explained that he would like approval to sign a certification for the Office of Policy and Management in order to get funding for Municipal Grants-in-Aid. **Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to add this item to the agenda under New Business b) and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Upon Mr. Paul's request the following motion was made. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to add under New Business c) "Authorization to Approve Interlocal Agreement for the Bantam Lake Jams" and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Paul said he just received an open letter to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance questioning the legality of the property transfer to the Housing Trust in 2008 and the fact that Town Counsel was working with both the Town and the Housing Trust. Mr. Paul said he will hire an independent counsel who has municipal experience to review the letter and will bring this item to the next agenda for discussion.

Readopt 9/17/13 Minutes: Mr. Paul explained that the minutes now include the resolution for the food service account for the Board of Education and the Town Clerk will certify it. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to approve the revised 9/17/13 meeting minutes and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Resignations: None

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments

a) Interview and Appoint Gwen Burgess for Beautification Commission, term 2/2016: Ms Burgess said she is offering her services as Treasurer to help the Beautification Commission get back as a viable committee. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to appoint Ms Burgess as above and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

b) Interview and Appoint Mary Loyer for Board of Ethics, alternate member, term 6/2016: Ms Loyer said she has been involved in many projects around town and owned Travel Consultants in Litchfield until her retirement. She was asked to be on the board as an alternate and would like to serve. Motion: J. Tarrant moved to appoint Mary Loyer as an alternate member of the Board of Ethics until 6/2016 and J. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 9/10/13 Sandy Beach Commission minutes; 7/23/13 Conservation Commission minutes (draft); 7/31/13 (draft) and 9/25/13 Economic Development Commission minutes; 10/9/13 Inland Wetlands Commission minutes; 9/11/13 (draft) and 10/2/13 Board of Education 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; 1 alternate 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
Social Services Board: 1 member, 2/2015
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 regular member 1/2018; 1 alternate member 1/2015

Tax Refunds: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve 12 tax refunds for a total of \$1,063.41 and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Transfers: None

Old Business

a) Bantam Jambs Update: Town Counsel Mike Rybak was present. Mr. Paul gave the background with pushback from the Bantam Lake Authority. After agreeing to amendments to the agreement and the composition of the Interlocal Advisory Board, the Bantam Lake Authority approved it. Morris has not yet approved the agreement as they have canceled their meeting for tonight. Mr. Paul did not feel they should wait in Litchfield to give approval and added DEEP is also insisting there be an inter-municipal agreement between the towns. A budget will be requested by the Interlocal Advisory Board after it meets.

New Business

a) Substance Abuse Prevention: Mr. Paul said that efforts are being made to re-energize the message of substance abuse prevention in the community. There will be a meeting on October 21st at 3:00 at the Litchfield Community Center with the Housatonic Valley Council Against Substance Abuse to help create a community-wide plan. All are welcome to attend.

b) Authorize the First Selectman to Sign Certification for OPM for Funding for Municipal Grants-in-Aid: J. Healy said that this is another name for Town Aid Road grants and the amount has been changed. Motion: J. Zullo moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the certification on behalf of

the Municipality for the Municipal Grants-in-Aid. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

c) Authorization to Approve Interlocal Agreement for the Bantam Lake Jambs: Motion: P. Parsons moved to approve the agreement entitled *Interlocal Agreement by and Between the Town of Litchfield and the Town of Morris and the Bantam Lake Authority Concerning the Relocation, Construction and Operation of the Bantam Lake Jambs* as presented with revisions and forward to Town Meeting for final approval. D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion: P. Parsons moved to add to New Business d) "Approve Blasting Services by McElhone for Hemlock Hill Road" and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

d) Approve Blasting Services by McElhone Construction for Hemlock Hill Road: J. Healy explained the job, asked for authorization to go ahead, saying he trusted MacElhone's work, as the blasting will take place close to the campground. Motion: J. Zullo moved to approve blasting services by McElhone Construction, at a price not to exceed \$6,000. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Motion: P. Parsons moved to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.



Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman