

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
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 all Selectmen present: Jonathan Tarrant, Diane Knox, Paul Parsons and Jeffrey Zullo.

Approval of Minutes: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to adopt the regular meeting minutes of August 18, 2015 and P. Parsons seconded. All voted aye except J. Zullo, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: None

Selectmen's Requests: Motion: J. Zullo moved to remove from the agenda the item under New Business b), "Award Bid for HVAC for Litchfield Middle School." J. Tarrant seconded. Mr. Paul explained that they will probably have to re-bid the job. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried.

J. Zullo said the first meeting of the Town Facilities Committee will be Sept. 15th. The Green Team continues to move along in its energy study and has gathered all its data, and they are now in the data reduction phase with consultants provided by Eversource. They will choose a building in most need of energy improvements for an energy audit, hopefully in October.

Resignations

a) Douglass A. Parker, declined reappointment to Northwestern CT Convention & Visitors Bureau: received and noted

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments: None

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 7/28/15 & 8/25/15 Conservation Commission minutes; 6/2/15 & 8/4/15 ZBA minutes; 6/4/15 Design Review Advisory Committee minutes; 8/12/15 Inland Wetland minutes; 8/13/15 WPCA minutes; 7/29/15 Economic Development Commission minutes; 8/20/15 Sandy Beach minutes

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

Beautification Commission: 4 regular members: three 2/2016, one 2/2017; 2 alternates 2/2016

Cable TV Advisory Council: 1 member 6/2017

Conservation Commission: 1 regular member 12/2016; 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: 3 alternate members 1/2015, 1/2015, 1/2019

Northwest CT Convention & Visitors Bureau: 1 member 9/2018

Park & Recreation: 1 regular member; 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: P. Parsons moved to approve the two tax refunds for a total of \$144.86, as recommended by the Tax Collector. J. Torrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Old Business

a) **Discuss Sale of 66 Donahue Road Ext. (tabled form 8/18/15):** Mr. Paul explained that the 72 acres that the Town has acquired by foreclosure is at the end of the passable area of the road. The impassable section continues down a hill and across a wet meadow and onto Donahue Road that is accessible from Cathole Road. He has asked the Edelman's, whose property abuts the property on both sides of the closed section, if they have any objections to the Town discontinuing the road. Since they own both sides of it, the discontinued piece would become theirs. Mr. Paul would like to be able to discontinue the road so the Town can sell the property as soon as possible. J. Healy will do the measurements of the portion in question to prepare for the discontinuation. The previous owners of the Town's parcel seemed to have divided the property illegally into Lots 13 and 13A without P&Z approval. There is some \$200,000 owed in taxes on the property. Mr. Paul will have more information at the next meeting.

New Business

a) **Award Bid for LIS Repointing, Repairing and Sealing:** Len Fasano, Facilities Manger, explained that this backside area is full of black moss and needs work with cracks and leaking into the Superintendent's area. They will fix the mortar joints where needed and reseal. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to award the above bid to sole bidder Connecticut Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$36,300 and also to waive the building fees. J. Torrant seconded. J. Zullo asked why we are having such inconsistent bidding lately. Len thought the contractors are busier and sometimes do not see the ads. He is calling a list of bidders to make sure they know about upcoming jobs. J. Zullo then asked about the status of the oil tanks. Len said the tanks were put into place today for the LIS and LHS. The leak issue at Center School is fixed. Upon voting, all voted aye and the motion carried.

b) **Award Bid for HVAC for Litchfield Middle School:** removed from agenda

c) **Planning & Zoning Regulations Revision Update:** Curtis Barrows, Vice Chairman of Planning and Zoning, was present to explain that they adopted the Aquifer Regulations. He thinks the Subdivision Regulations are not yet approved. They are planning to open a public hearing in November for the P&Z Regulations. The representative from Graydon in Cincinnati has done a lot of work and they have had conference calls. There are a lot of gray areas in the regulations that needed to be more black and white, and some of his work was not useful for our area. They are working together on different areas that need to be re-zoned. L. Paul mentioned his concern for the residential, non-conforming area on Tollgate Hill. Mr. Barrows suggested sending a letter to the P&Z with specific concerns so it will be addressed. He also suggested having Dennis Tobin bring the map to the next Selectmen's meeting to locate other areas and review the draft.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Motion: J. Torrant moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman