

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING - 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order: First Selectman Leo Paul, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with all Selectmen present: Jeffrey Zullo, Paul Parsons, Diane Knox and Jonathan Tarrant.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion:** D. Knox moved to approve the regular 8/21/12 meeting minutes and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: None

Selectmen's Requests: J. Zullo referred to the 8/15/12 Board of Education minutes, page 3054, and noted a public comment from Gayle Carr that said the Board of Selectmen has let Tony Crowe go, and he asked if that was true. Mr. Paul said the scope of the position has changed in the transition to the Town side, and the new position has been advertised. Mr. Paul has met with Mr. Crowe to explain the new skills added to the job and to make it clear he is welcome to apply. He is currently a Town employee.

Resignations: None

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments

a) **Appoint Margaret K. Perusse to Board of Ethics, alternate board, term 6/2014:** **Motion:** D. Knox moved to appoint Margaret K. Perusse to the Board of Ethics as above, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

b) **Reappoint Douglass A. Parker to Northwestern CT Convention & Visitors Bureau, term 9/2012:** **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to reappoint Douglass A. Parker as above, and P. Parsons seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 7/25/12 EDC minutes (draft); 8/9/12 WPCA minutes; 7/24/12 & 8/28/12 Conservation Commission minutes (drafts); 8/15/12 BOE minutes (draft)

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

Beautification Commission: 2 regular members 2/2012, 2/2014; 1 alternate 2/2013

Economic Development Commission: One regular member 6/2013; 1 alternate 6/2013

Ethics: 1 alternate member 6/2013

Inland Wetlands Commission: 1 regular member 6/2014; 1 alternate member 6/2012

Milton Historic District Commission: 2 alternate members 1/2012

Park & Recreation: 1 regular member 6/2014; 2 alternate members: 6/2013, 6/2014

Recycling Committee: 3 members, 2/2012, 2/2013, 2/2014

Town Hall Building Committee: 1 member, 3/2015

Veteran's Advisory Committee: 1 regular member 8/2012; 2 alternate members 8/2012

Water Pollution Control Authority: 1 regular member 1/2013; 1 alternate member 1/2015

Transfers

a) **Transfer #2 - \$184,124.86 Annual Budget Adjustment Transfers:** L. Paul explained this is done every year to balance the books and will need approval from the Selectmen, Board of Finance and Town Meeting. **Motion:** D. Knox moved to approve Transfer #2 for \$184,124.86 as the annual budget transfer. P. Parsons seconded and noted that this was a small adjustment and

showed everyone stayed pretty well within budget and only had one previous transfer for FY 2012. Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried.

Old Business

a) **Town Hall Building Committee Update – J. Zullo:** Mr. Zullo had no report since there has been no meeting since the last Selectmen’s meeting. There is a meeting Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

a) **Adopt Proclamation for Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month: Motion:** Paul Parsons moved to waive the reading of the proclamation and J. Torrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried. **Motion:** D. Knox moved to adopt the proclamation as above and authorize the First Selectman to sign. J. Torrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

b) **Adopt Supervisors Union Contract:** L. Paul said there were some minor amendments to the contract with the largest negotiations spent on salary and the retirement plan. Salary increases are 1%, 1%, 1%, and 2% in the final year. They have established a Defined Contribution Plan (457) that employees hired on or after July 1, 2012 may participate in. The Town will contribute 3% of the eligible employee’s wages and the employee may contribute up to the maximum amount allowed by law. They are not, however, eligible for the Defined Benefit Plan that remains for the current vested employees. This plan requires employees to contribute 1% of their annual compensation to the plan in the last year of the contract from 7/1/15 through 6/30/16.

Motion: P. Parsons moved to approve the agreement between the Town of Litchfield and the Litchfield Supervisors Association, and J. Torrant seconded the motion. In discussion Mr. Paul said he hoped to have the same discussion with the other unions. J. Zullo requested that policy be written that non-union employees will follow this contract. There was no change in the medical benefits. **Vote:** Upon voting all voted aye and the motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Motion: P. Parsons moved to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. and J. Torrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Leo Paul, Jr., First Selectman