

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 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 Selectmen Diane Knox, Jeffrey Zullo and Jonathan Tarrant also present. Selectman Paul Parsons was unable to attend.

Approval of Minutes

a) Regular 12/16/14: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 16, 2014 and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

b) Special 12/22/14: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the special meeting minutes of December 22, 2014 and D. Knox 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 add to New Business b) "Approval of Capital Police Car Purchase." J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried. Mr. Paul then added that he would be attending the Governor's inauguration tomorrow.

Resignations

- a) Kit Martinsen from Beautification Commission, effective 1/1/15: received and noted
- b) John T. Acerbi from Beautification Commission, effective 1/1/15: received and noted

Mr. Paul asked the Selectmen to refer anyone they may know who would be interested in joining the Beautification Commission, as there are now several vacancies.

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments: None

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 12/15/14 Board of Finance minutes; 11/4/14 Zoning Board of Appeals minutes; 11/3/14 P&Z minutes; 11/6/14 Design Review Advisory Committee minutes; 11/13/14 Board of Fire & EMS minutes; 10/29/14 & 11/19/14 (draft) Economic Development Commission minutes; 12/11/14 WPCA minutes; 12/10/14 Safety & Health Committee minutes

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

Beautification Commission: 4 regular members: one 2/2015, two 2/2016, one 2/2017; 2 alternates 2/2016  
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, two 6/2016, 6/2017  
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: 4 members, 2/2015, two 2/2016, 2/2017  
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 alternate member 1/2015  
Zoning Board of Appeals: 2 regular members 3/2015, 3/2018

Tax Refunds: Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the six tax refunds as outlined by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$296.64. D. Knox seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

### Transfers

a) Revised Transfer #2 - \$6,238: Finance Director Rose Bouchard explained the need for funds for Torrington Area Health, Northwest Chore Service and a transfer to Capital to add to the pay down note for the school project to round it per Bond Counsel's recommendation. The total of \$6,238 would come from E-911 Service annual fee, Plumb Hill maintenance and the Unemployment line items. This transfer will not require a town meeting. Motion: J. Tarrant moved to approve the revised Transfer #2 in the amount of \$6,238, and J. Zullo seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

### Old Business

a) School Regionalization – Goshen Letter: L. Paul said that the First Selectman of Goshen indicated in his letter that he concurs with Region 6 that it would not be in their best interest to consider a merger. Mr. Paul said he has spoken with Barbara Henry of Roxbury and Mark Lyon of Washington who are both interested in having a conversation regarding a merger with Region 12. They will speak about it when they are together at another meeting on Thursday. He has not yet met the First Selectman from Bridgewater, but will reach out at another time. He will also meet with Frank Simone, Chairman of the Board of Education, and the Superintendent to discuss their interest.

### New Business

a) Litchfield Prevention Council Presentation: Mr. Paul said that more money would be put into the Prevention Council's budget this year to help them continue their work. He and Kelly Garden attended a CCM workshop that looked at the prescription drug problem in the State, and CCM is pursuing some legislative options. Chairman Kevin Tieman introduced himself and Kelly Garden highlighted the Committee's first year of work. They created a mission statement, launched a website and created a logo. They sponsored a parent awareness workshop with Wamogo and attended the three district open houses. They have distributed giveaways and business cards with the website on them and are now working with the Board of Education to bring monthly presentations or parent academies to the district. Speakers are lined up for the next few months and will be taped and reviewable on the school's website. The two Board of Education members that have been attending meetings and working in a support role have been very helpful in building a relationship with the entire Board of Education. There was a large presentation for the high school and the community on December 1<sup>st</sup> called *Rebound: the Chris Herren Story*. It was a large undertaking for the Prevention Council, but they were able to raise \$5,275 of the \$8,000 bill. This showed community support as well as fiscal responsibility. She then mentioned the "Project Purple" anti-substance abuse campaign that was introduced through Chris Herron's presentation. The Council plans to launch it in the community and a student group will launch it in the schools. They also endorsed a student survey the BOE administered. In the future they will be launching "Project Purple" in January and would like to bring more programs to the schools and community, sponsor a scholarship, after school programming, and an after-prom event. She asked for \$2,500 to be allocated to their budget. J. Zullo and L. Paul asked them if that would be enough to address their needs and suggested they report back to Ms Bouchard and Mr. Paul with a closer figure. Mr. Paul offered to put them on the Selectmen's agenda in the future if they wanted to update or discuss problems. The Board commended them for the great amount of good work they have done in their first year. [*J. Tarrant left the meeting at 5:59 p.m.*]

b) Approval of Capital Police Car Purchase: Mr. Paul explained there is only one company on the State bid, so there is no requirement to get three bids. The total cost is \$33,958.19. Since there is only \$32,000 in Capital, the Police will have to use \$1,958. from its operating budget for the balance. J. Zullo asked why they had to go out of state, and Mr. Paul said that Natick Auto Sales was the one on the State bid. He then asked if this car was a left-over 2014 or a 2015 car, as the handout is contradictory. Since there were no Police present to answer questions, it was decided to table this until the next meeting. Motion:

J. Zullo moved to table the approval of the Police vehicle until the next meeting, and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Motion: J. Zullo moved to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. and D. Knox seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo Paul, Jr.', is written over the printed name.

Leo Paul, Jr. First Selectman