

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Bruce Farmer; Selectmen, Carol Walter, John Giannotti and William W. Fritz, Jr.

Absent: Lynn Pinder

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

VISITORS

No visitors wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

Walter made a motion, seconded by Fritz to approve the minutes from September 7, 2016. The minutes were unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to appoint Elizabeth Isaacson (U) to the Human Services Advisory Board for a term until June 30, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATION – HOSE PURCHASE

Fire Chief Brian Manware requested an emergency appropriation of \$11,000 for 2,000 feet of new hose. The hoses currently on the truck did not pass this year's certification process. This is a full hose replacement and should last for about 10 years. This hose will fit on the engine they are going to retire but will be loaded on the new engine once it arrives. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Walter authorizing the Fire Department to purchase 2,000 feet of new hose for an amount not to exceed of \$11,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

HIGHLAND DRIVE PROPERTY

The board received a letter from the Lupone and French families inquiring about the property listed as 30 Highland Drive. In 1988, the town took the property from the family by eminent domain with the purpose of using it for a sewer treatment facility. The town compensated the family \$275,000 for the property. The state then determined that the site was not a suitable location because it could not sustain a water treatment facility. The family has asked the board to sell the property back to them. The property is 6.7 total acres of which 3.5 is usable. Walter read a letter from the Conservation Commission asking that this item be tabled to allow the Commission time to meet with the board. Matt Kennedy, chairman of the Water Pollution Control Commission spoke about the proposed facilities plan that was submitted to the state. At this point the plan doesn't involve the Highland Drive property but they may need it down the road depending on what DEEP approves. Several members of the community spoke in favor selling the property back to the family. No decisions were made at this time.

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2016 CLINTON FAMILY FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR FUNDING

This year Peggy Adler has shown four movies in the Auditorium. Adler has two additional movies scheduled for October 8th and November 12th. In August, the board approved to pay the licensing fee for the 4th movie but they wanted to look at the attendance before approving the last two movies. Adler reported 45 people were seated when the movie began for the September 10th movie. The licensing agency said if the attendance is not over 50 people then they will only charge \$85 per movie. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to approve the \$85.00 licensing fee for the October 8th movie. The board will see how it goes and look at attendance before approving the November 12th movie. Walter opposed the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3 in favor (Fritz, Giannotti and Farmer) and opposed (Walter).

DIAPER AWARENESS WEEK SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 2

Beth Loud, spokesperson for the Bare Necessities asked the board to proclaim September 28 to October 2 as Diaper Awareness Week. Bare Necessities is a non-profit organization. They are the only diaper bank between New Haven and New London. 40,000 kids in Connecticut have a diaper need. They have a fundraiser “Blues at the Barn for Babies” scheduled on September 30 at Sweetwater Farm. They also have a rubber duck race scheduled for October 2nd. Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to proclaim September 28 to October 2 as Diaper Awareness Week. The motion was unanimously approved.

SELECTMEN’S REPORTS

Reported by Fritz

- Fritz reported on the new high school. The traffic flow is fantastic. The first open house for parents is scheduled for this week.
- Fritz inquired about why the new Planning & Zoning ad hoc committee was not approved by the board.

Reported by Walter

- WPC held a meeting last night.
- Charter Revision Commission held a public hearing last week on the town manager form of government.

Reported by Farmer

- Kirk Carr, GIS Taskforce chairman, submitted a final report to the board. At this time the project is to be handed off to the town’s IT department for implementation.

ADJOURN

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino