

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
OCTOBER 05, 2016
MINUTES

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

Absent: Carol Walter

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

VISITORS

Lauren Sposato, Chamber of Commerce Director, requested to have all fees waived at the town hall for Christmas in Clinton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Pinder made a motion, seconded by Fritz to approve the minutes from September 28, 2016. The minutes were unanimously approved with one abstention from Giannotti.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The board received a letter from Dom Morelli asking to be appointed to the Public Works Commission. The commission has two vacant seats at this time. Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Fritz appoint Dom Morelli (U) to the Public Works Commission full seat for a term until June 30, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

COTT SYSTEM SERVICE CONTRACT ADDENDUM FOR THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Sharon Uricchio, Town Clerk, reviewed the contract with the board. The current contract expired on October 1, 2016. The renewal contract has a savings of \$85.00 per month. Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Pinder to approve the COTT System Service Contract Addendum through September 30, 2019 as recommended by the Town Clerk. The motion was unanimously approved.

CME CONTRACT EXTENSION

Gary Bousquet, Planning & Zoning Chairman, reviewed the contract extension with the board. The recommendation was to extend the contract through June 30, 2017. The total cost can not exceed \$4,000 a month. Giannotti made a motion, seconded by Fritz to approve the CME Contract Extension through June 30, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

ACCEPT THE TOD/RESPONSIBLE GROWTH GRANT

The town was awarded the Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development Grant Program to develop engineering plans and construction drawings for a border-to-border sidewalk along Route 1. The state funding is \$114,000 and the town commitment is 20% match or \$28,500 as in-kind services. There is no town money required just professional services. Pinder made a motion, seconded by

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Giannotti to accept the Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development Grant Program and send to the Board of Finance. The motion was unanimously approved.

UPDATE ON ROSS SOLAR GROUP – ZERO EMISSION RENEWAL ENERGY CERTIFICATE (ZREC) FOR PIERSON SCHOOL

On August 10, 2016 the board voted to secure the ZREC grant for the next 18 months pending approval from Maryann O'Donnell, Superintendent of Schools. O'Donnell submitted a letter stating, *"While it is important to carefully consider all opportunities for green energy and cost savings for utilities cost, it is not the right time to consider this project. Pierson Elementary is scheduled to have its roofs replaced in the summer of 2019 or 2020."* The town will notify Ross Solar Group and the Energy Committee that the town will need to pass on this project at this time.

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder to add agenda 8A – Request for Funding State Bridge Program. The motion was unanimously approved.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING STATE BRIDGE PROGRAM

Pete Neff, Director of Public Works reviewed with the board the immediate need for funding on the State Bridge Program. The town made a commitment on July 14, 2016 to the state. The town will have to have an actual budget in place by July 14, 2017. If the budget exceeds \$1,561,304.00 the town will need to have a supplemental grant in place by July 14, 2017 otherwise the town will lose the grant. The engineering cost is \$212,594 and rights of way cost is \$20,000 for a total cost of \$232,594. DTC has been hired as the engineering firm for the project. Pinder made a motion, seconded by Fritz to appropriate \$232,594 for engineering fees related to the State Bridge Program and send to the Board of Finance. The motion was unanimously approved.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Fritz

- Fritz met with the Fire Department Monday night and reviewed the LOSAP Investment Advisory Services for a Defined Benefit Plan. The Fire Department has formed a retirement committee. The board has requested to have a member of the town sit on the committee. Pinder recommended disbanding the LOSAP committee.

Reported by Pinder

- Pinder asked to have all the fees waived for Christmas in Clinton. The entire board agreed. Farmer agreed to waive all town hall fees associated with Christmas in Clinton.

Reported by Giannotti

- Provided an update on the steel building at DPW.

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Reported by Farmer

- The Police Department welcomed their newest recruit, Mario A. Caruso, III, at a swearing in ceremony held this past Monday.

ADJOURN

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Pinder and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino