

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM  
MARCH 14, 2018  
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Christine Goupil: Selectmen Phillip Sengle and Tim Guerra

Absent: Jack Scherban and Carol Walter

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

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Guerra to add agenda item 4A - Public Works Hook Lift Truck. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **VISITORS**

Goupil asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Public Works Hook Lift Truck. K. Carr spoke about the minutes from the Public Works Commission when they approved the truck as well as the town's purchasing policy specifically in regards to using state bids.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES –MARCH 07, 2018**

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve the minutes from March 07, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Guerra to accept the resignation of Peter Neff from the CT River Area Health District. The board thanked Neff for all his hard work. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Guerra to appoint Jessica Anderson (U) to the Conservation Commission for a term until June 30, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC WORKS HOOK LIFT TRUCK**

Peter Neff, Director of Public Works, reviewed the approval process for the Hook Lift Truck. Last year the Public Works Commission approved the purchase of the Hook Lift truck for \$200,440 which included the trade in value of \$7,500. The state bid price for the Hook Lift truck from Freightliner of Hartford is \$206,740. The department would receive \$7,500 trade in allowance which is not reflected in that price. Neff reviewed the bid responses and discussed why all the bids were rejected. The Freightliner truck was recommended by the department and approved by the Public Works Commission as the best vehicle for the department. Neff asked for an appropriation of \$206,000 but it should have been a not to exceed of \$207,000. Guerra made a motion, seconded by Sengle to table until next week and send to the Board of Finance next Monday night subject to Board of Selectmen approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **POLICE BOAT**

Chief DeMaio reviewed the proposal for the new vessel and the reasons why the current vessel should be sold. DeMaio applied for a federal grant but most of the funding went towards port security. The trade in value for the vessel is only \$10,000 so the vessel was listed with a broker. The department has a valid offer of \$24,500. 10% will be assessed as brokerage fee for the sale (\$2,450) and up to \$1,000 to

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prepare the vessel for marine survey for the buyer. The buyer is responsible for the cost of the survey. The net funds from the sale will be \$21,500. Chief DeMaio is recommended the purchase of a 2004 Safe Defender Class Boat for a total cost of \$182,600. DeMaio has listed the following funding sources from the current fiscal year to go towards the purchase of the new boat.

2014 Safe Defender Class Boat	\$182,600
Sale of Current Vessel	-\$21,500
Federal Asset Forfeiture funds	-\$10,000
State of Connecticut Asset Forfeiture funds	-\$15,000
Line item transfer from Police Communications	<u>-\$7,500</u>
	\$128,600 total amount for the boat

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Sengle to appropriate \$182,600 for the Police Marine Patrol Vessel and to authorize the sale of the current boat for \$24,500. The board approved the following items to go towards the purchase of the boat which would include the State of CT Asset Forfeiture Funds for \$15,000, the Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds for \$10,000 and a line item transfer of \$7,500 from Police Communications account #55300 for a total of \$54,000 and send to the Board of Finance. The motion was unanimously approved.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Reported by Goupil

- Goupil spoke about an article online with Getaway Mavens listing the best of things to do and where to eat in Clinton
- Recently Clinton and our Shoreline neighbors were hit hard by two major winter storms within one week. During Storm Elsa many people worked tirelessly to the secure safety, comfort, and expedite power restoration to Clinton residents and businesses. I would like to personally thank these men and women for their selfless efforts. You are all true blue Clintonians who stepped up to help our families, friends, and neighbors when we needed it most. Here's a glimpse of what went on behind the scenes: Mike Neff volunteered as the interim Emergency Management Director (EMD) literally the day before the storm hit. Department of Public Works Director Pete Neff, Clinton Police Department Chief Vincent DeMaio, Clinton Volunteer Fire Department Chief Brian Manware, DPW staff, CPD, CVFD and the emergency services team worked 36 hours straight to clear the roads and secure safety where lines were down. Morgan School administrators and staff Maryann O'Donnell, Keri Hagness, John Siciliano, Vivian Capestany, Frank Rossi, Donna Donofrio, and Pedro Irizarry jumped to open the school for a warming center, and provide hot meals and showers to the residents of Clinton. Volunteers Lisa Alberino, Ed Alberino, Carol Schmardel, Norimar Lopez, and Phoebe Young conducted wellness checks at the homes without power. Clinton Lions Club Members Meg Wright and Betty Lou Rush manned the warming center at the Morgan School, while Miner Vincent with Families Helping Families contributed breakfast. Many others came to help that

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day, including Kathleen Skoczen, Andrea Woliver, Jane Scully Welch, Carol Walter, Phil Sengle, Aman Singh and Tim Guerra. Eversource line crews and liaisons provided constant updates to our EMD and administration and worked to expedite power service to the most vulnerable. We are all grateful for your dedication and service.

**ADJOURN**

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Guerra and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino