

Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall Conference Room  
Wednesday, September 21, 2011  
Minutes

Present: First Selectman William W. Fritz, Jr.; Selectmen, Dolly Mezzetti, Thomas Vicino, Raymond Apel and Carol Walter.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag.

**VISITORS**

Kirk Carr thanked Fritz and Schettino for obliging with his Freedom of Information request. Carr requested to amend the Board of Selectmen minutes from September 14, 2011, under Visitors, with the following statement:

*What Carr said was that the BOS failed to provide due diligence to the library request. It should have been tabled until Kevin Kane could recommend budget lines to reallocate to restore some or all of the \$100K request. Fritz said he knew where the funds would be derived ... the \$8 million undesignated fund. Mezzetti and Vincino said it was unfair because the library had no chance to defend its funds. Ona Nejd; a Board of Finance (BOF) member, disputed that charge as the HCH library had presented to the BOF twice to answer specific questions that ultimately resulted in the cut. Carr thanked Fritz for his explanation but said he didn't accept it.*

Carr also requested to have the Board of Selectmen 2011 calendar amended to reflect the correct times.

Hal Dolan asked why the minutes from the last Economic Development Commission haven't been filed yet. They should be filed by the end of the week.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 14, 2011**

Mezzetti made a motion to approve the minutes from September 14, 2011. Vicino seconded the motion for discussion. Walter asked for the minutes to be amended to include the above statement from Kirk Carr. Walter amended the minutes on page 2, Elderly Housing Committee. Walter would like the minutes to reflect she asked if the taxes were paid and Fritz said the taxes are paid in full. Walter asked why the town would want to be the lead on this project verses a commercial enterprise. Under Assessor Walter asked for the minutes to reflect Ona Nejd asked what impact the storm will have on the Grand List because a lot of people loss property. Lots are now much smaller. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to approve the minutes of August 31, 2011 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISION – AMENDMENT 8**

Dennis Greci from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has not yet approved Amendment 8. Pinder has requested to table this until she hears from Greci. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter to table Amendment 8 until final approval from Greci. The motion was

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unanimously approved. Walter asked for an explanation of the indirect costs as described on page 5. Amendment 8 is the next phase towards a solution and is eligible for a 55 percent reimbursement from the state. The commission needs to define the needs areas lot by lot then determine the total flow in gallons per day.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE – OLD POLICE STATION**

Four scenarios were presented to the board for them to review. This will be put back on the Board of Selectmen agenda in a couple of weeks. All scenarios include a meal site for the seniors and a community room with various sizes. All four scenarios are with budget.

**CT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY – MUNICIPAL SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Paul Nonnenmacher, Director of Public Affairs for the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRRA) reviewed their services. Clinton first signed the MSA agreement on June 20, 1984. The current agreement expires on November 15, 2012. Fritz said the Lower Connecticut Valley Selectmen's Association researched other entities and found their services and price per ton can not be matched anywhere else. Every town in that group is going forward with CRRRA. Fritz recommended Tier 1 Long-Term MSA. Below is a summary of the Tier 1 Long-Term MSA.

- Tier 1 Long-Term MSA estimated disposal fee FY13 is \$59.50.
- Estimated Disposal Fee – FY17 \$57.00.
- Nominal term 15 years (through 6/30/2027)
- No minimum tonnage commitment
- No tonnage cap
- FY-13 opt-out level \$61.00

The disposal fee would drop from \$69.00 per ton to \$59.50. Nonnenmacher said the price can vary up to \$61.00 per ton but projected the price should decrease overtime. Recyclables are taken at no charge and eligible for a rebate. The recycling rebate per ton is \$5.00. The town received a credit last year of approximately \$3000.00. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Apel to approve the CRRRA Tier 1 Long-Term MSA. The motion was unanimously approved.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

All the Selectmen agreed the Fireman's Convention and parade were a huge success. Fritz thanked everyone for a great job especially Major Santry for doing an excellent job with traffic control. The Selectmen also thanked the Chamber of Commerce for doing an excellent job at last night's ribbon cutting ceremony at the Town Docks. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Beach Building has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

Vicino said the Artificial Turf field is 85 percent completed.

Walter reported on this week's Board of Education meeting. Test results were presented at the meeting. Mike Koziy reported on all the repairs that were done over the summer.

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The Morgan Building Committee has a meeting scheduled for tonight at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Walter said she would like to see a funded part-time position for the Economic Development Commission similar to the new position for the Water Pollution Commission. Not someone who goes out and solicits but a clerk position. Vicino said the Economic Development is working on a plan and will come to the board for approval when completed.

Mezzetti said CEC had it's first meeting last week. The Web Site Committee has a meeting scheduled for October 3, 2011.

Fritz reported on the Fireman's Convention. The convention was held this past Saturday at the Morgan School. The block party was Saturday night and the parade was on Sunday. Fritz and Senator Blumenthal marched in the parade on Sunday.

Phase 2 of the storm cleanup has begun. Fritz said even if the town has a contract with a tree company FEMA still requires us to go out to bid for Phase 3.

The first Morgan School Football game is this Friday night at 6:30 PM.

The CT River Valley Council of Elected Officials (CRVCEO) is meeting next Wednesday to discuss the states plans to consolidate and make 5 planning regions in the state.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PENDING LITIGATION**

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to enter into executive session at 8:51 AM and invite the Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector Melanie Yanus and Assistant Tax Collector Donna Aleman. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to exit out of executive session at 9:01 AM. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ADJOURN**

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino  
Administrative Assistant

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