

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019  
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Christine Goupil, Selectmen Jack Scherban, Tim Guerra, Carol Walter and Phillip Sengle

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

**VISITORS**

Jane Scully Welch is in opposition to the sculptures that will be placed on town properties within the Arts District.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 04, 2019**

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter to approve the minutes from September 04, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to appoint Greg Maher (R) to the Park & Recreation Commission for a term until June 30, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved.

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Walter to appoint Mary Jo Phelps (D) to the Inland Wetlands Commission from an alternate seat to a full seat until June 30, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC WORKS BID AWARD – HEAVY DUTY DUMPSTER**

Todd Hajek, Director of Public Works, requested to have the board award the Heavy Duty 40 yd open dumpster with rolling roof to Wastequip for \$9,713.00. This project is part of their 2019/20 capital expenditure plan. Sengle made a motion, seconded by Scherban to award the heavy duty dumpster bid to Wastequip for \$9,713.00. The motion was unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION ON LEASING 3 ADDITIONAL POLICE VEHICLES**

Sue Cunningham, Finance Director, reviewed the cost associated with leasing 3 additional police vehicles. The police department has \$50,000 in their 2019/20 capital budget. The cost of leasing for the first year is \$36,000 with a total cost of \$163,343 over 3 years. After 3 years of leasing the town will own the vehicles. The town currently has 9 police vehicles and 2 public works vehicles leased with Bank of America. The remaining lease payments show up in the debt principal budget. Police Chief DeMaio presented their fleet rotation schedule to the board. The department would like to slowly eliminate all of their older vehicles which are constantly breaking down. There is currently \$120,000 in the 2019/20 debt principal budget for lease payments which only cover the cost to lease the 9 police vehicles. Cunningham stated that for every additional 3 police vehicles it will cost the town \$50,000 per year in debt payments. There was no additional action taken by the board.

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**TOWN MANAGER**

Sengle provided an update to the board.

- SGR reported receiving a total of 30 applications for the position. All job applications need to be submitted to SGR by September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The committee has a meeting scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> with Doug Thomas to review the applications. SGR has drafted an interview schedule for December 2/3 with the finalists and the new Town Council. Sengle suggested having a professional sit in on the final interviews.
- Sengle stated that the town will need to consider the travel costs associated with bringing in candidates from out of state as well as possible relocation expenses.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Reported by Sengle

- Valley Shore Community Television has an open house on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

Reported by Walter

- Walter reported that the Land Use office has been extremely busy with an increase number of permits being submitted.

Reported by Guerra

- Guerra reported that out of 30 applications submitted for the town manager position 9 are from Connecticut. SGR will meet with the committee on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and provide the them with 10-12 qualified candidates. The committee will then narrow down the selection from there.

Reported by Scherban

- A memorial celebration for Ellen Cavanagh is scheduled for this Sunday at the Clinton Country Club.

Reported by Goupil

- Goupil spoke on the sculptures and she would provide the contact information for the non-profit Arts Council President to J. Scully Welch.
- The Finance director will be sending out notices to department heads, boards and commissions asking for them to submit their capital budget requests for fy 2020/21 by next month. Department heads also need to start preparing for their 2020/21 budget requests.
- Goupil and members of the Economic Development Commission met with developer Michael Massimino to review the new Tax Incentive Policy.
- Goupil attended a CCM workshop this week on the Anatomy of an Incubator.

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- Goupil has received a number of requests for bricks from the Old Morgan School. All of the requests have been forwarded to the developer for consideration during the demolition of the building.
- Senior Task Force Update –
  - Senior Task Force has been working with the Estuary
  - The need is to have 1 person who can communicate with the public on resources and programs available.
  - The Annex building will be open to seniors when the building is open and no meetings are scheduled.
- Pierson Future Use Committee update
  - Goupil has been meeting with the Morgan Trust on removing the Cy Pre.

**ADJOURN**

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino