

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
JANUARY 23, 2019
MINUTES

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

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

VISITORS

K. Carr discussed the appointment of William LaFrance to the Board of Ethics.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Scherban to approve the minutes from January 9, 2019 and January 10, 2019. The minutes were unanimously approved with one abstention from Walter on the January 10, 2019 minutes.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The board received a request from the chairman of the Shellfish Commission to remove Christopher Horvath on the basis of lack of attendance due to illness. Guerra made a motion, seconded by Sengle to approve the removal of Christopher Horvath from the Shellfish Commission due to illness. The motion was unanimously approved.

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra and unanimously approved to accept the resignation of Bethany Knight from the Tree Committee.

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously approved to accept the resignation of Phil Sengle from the Police Commission.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Sengle and unanimously approved to accept the resignation of Mary Ellen Dahlgren from the Design Review Board.

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra and unanimously approved to appoint Art Kuever (D) from an alternate seat to a full seat on the Public Works Commission for a term until June 30, 2019.

The board appointed William LaFrance to the Board of Ethics at their December 12, 2018 meeting. It was later determined that the name was incorrect making the appointment invalid. The board received a request from the Democratic Town Committee requesting to appoint Robert LaFrance to a full seat on the Inland Wetlands Commission. Guerra made a motion, seconded by Sengle and unanimously approved to appoint Robert LaFrance to a full seat on the Inland Wetlands Commission for a term until June 30, 2020.

Guerra made a motion, seconded Walter and unanimously approved to appoint Julie Clark to the Tree Committee for a term until June 30, 2019.

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Sengle and unanimously approved to appoint Rob Derry (R) to the Police Commission for a term until November 2019.

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously approved to appoint Christopher Burke (D) to the Design Review Board for a term until June 30, 2019.

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The board had received a resignation from Todd Pozefsky as the Town Treasurer. After some discussion Pozefsky agreed to stay on as treasurer in order to help the town until the new charter goes into effect in November 2019. Once the resignation was filed with the Town Clerk the resignation was automatically sent to the state. The board would need to reappoint Pozefsky as the Town Treasurer. Guerra made a motion, seconded by Walter to reappoint Todd Pozefsky as the Town Treasurer until November 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLINTON LAND TRUST/FILM FESTIVAL

The Clinton Land Conservation Trust has partnered with the Madison Land Trust to host the Wild & Scenic Film Festival. This would be as a fundraiser event. The event is scheduled at the Town Hall for April 27th from 6pm – 9pm. The Clinton Land Conservation Trust is in the process of obtaining a temporary liquor license from the State Liquor Commission for the consumption of beer and wine during this event. Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to grant an exception to section 194-4A and 194-5A for the Clinton Land Conservation Trust for the April 27, 2019 Film Festival at the Clinton Town Hall. The motion was unanimously approved.

EMERGENCY VEHICLE PRE-EMPTION SYSTEM AGREEMENT

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is scheduled to upgrade the traffic signal at Route 81 at North High Street and I-95 NB Ramps. DOT will install the Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption System (EVPS) equipment. Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to approve the installation of the Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption System (EVPS) and allow the First Selectman to sign the agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – RESCUE TOOL UPGRADE BID PROCESS

The Fire Department is requesting the board to waive the bid process for 2 projects which are in the 2018/19 capital budget for rescue tool upgrades. Hurst Jaws of Life has submitted a letter stating that Firematic Supply Company is the sole authorized dealer for Hurst Rescue Tools. The department received a generous donation of \$11,000 which will go towards the purchase and the remaining \$4,700 will come from capital. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Sengle to waive the bid process for the Fire Department and authorize them to purchase the Hurst Rescue Tools through Firematic Supply Company. The motion was unanimously approved. The department also requested for the board to waive the bid process for the Paratech High Pressure Lifting Air Bags through Shipmans Fire Equipment. Since the department is only replacing the bags, they will be utilizing existing equipment which they already own. Shipmans Fire Equipment is the sole dealer. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Sengle to waive the bid process for the Fire Department and authorize them to purchase the Paratech High Pressure Lifting Air Bags through Shipmans Fire Equipment. The motion was unanimously approved.

ARTS DISTRICT

The Sustainability Committee approved the creation of an Arts District. A sample resolution from another town was reviewed by the board. This district will allow the town to apply for grant funding through the state. No action was taken by the board.

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TOWN MANAGER

Goupil and Sengle have met with different Town Managers in the state who have recently gone through the process. Goupil has asked for board members to bring forward names of people they would like to see appointed to the Executive Search Committee. The total membership has not been determined at this time but the board discussed having a small group. The Executive Search Committee will have to draft an RFP for a head hunter. The board will also have to develop a budget for the process. There was also a discussion on developing bylaws which will help provide guidance to the new town manager.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Sengle

- Sengle discussed the makeup of the Executive Search Committee.

Reported by Walter

- Walter attended last week's Public Works Commission meeting. It was Peter Neff's last meeting. Walter thanked Neff for all of his hard work and dedication to the town. Goupil reported that Bob Myers, Interim Director, started work today. Myers has been hired through CCM and he will be here for a 3-month period. At that time, he will provide the commission with some director and submit recommendations back to the town.
- Walter reported on WPCC

Reported by Guerra

- Guerra asked about the activity going on at the Old Morgan School. Goupil reported that testing is taking place to determine the waste water capacity.
- Guerra and Scherban attended last week's Tourism & Hospitality Meeting.

Reported by Scherban

- RSM presented the audit to the Board of Finance at their last board meeting. RSM found no deficiencies on both the town and education side.
- Scherban reported on the Police Commission meeting.

Reported by Goupil

- Goupil attended a workshop this week on the Small Cities Block Grants as well as a River COG meeting at the capital. The River COG had a discussion on shared services.
- The Economic Development Commission has been working on branding for the town in conjunction with CERC.

ADJOURN

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Schettino