

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
APRIL 17, 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

No visitors wished to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 10, 2019

Walter made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve the minutes from April 10, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to appoint Dennis Irmscher (R) to the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate seat for a term until November 2021. After some discussion on procedure for appointments a vote was taken. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 in favor (Walter, Scherban and Guerra) and 1 abstention from Sengle.

COPIER LEASE AGREEMENT

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter to approve the copier lease agreement and allow the First Selectman to sign the agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA) SET-ASIDE GRANT

The town is applying for a grant through the RiverCOG for sidewalk renovations and extension on West Main Street along Route 1. The application will be submitted to the River COG and if approved the town would enter into an agreement with the State of CT Dep of Transportation for program administration and funding. 80 percent of the project will be funding by the Federal Highway Administration. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to apply for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Grant and allow the First Selectmen to sign the agreement. The motion was unanimously approved with one abstention from Walter.

PIERSON FUTURE USE COMMITTEE

The board would like to form a committee to look at the future uses of the Pierson School property. The committee should consist of members from the historical society, Economic Development and 1 person from the Pierson School Committee. Goupil asked for everyone to come up with names for the next meeting.

SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPER COMMITTEE

The town is looking to establish a committee to evaluate the bids and make recommendations. Guerra made a motion, seconded by Scherban to appoint Paul Gebauer, Aidan Moran, Carol Walter, Rob Champagne and Todd Hajek as an advisory member. The motion was unanimously approved. The board will let Paul Gebauer determine the 5th committee member.

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TOWN MANAGER

Sengle updated the board on last night's meeting. The committee would like to set up interviews with 3 firms for their next meeting on April 25, 2019.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Walter

- Walter spoke on further clarification of the TA Set-Aside Grant
- Walter participated in a no toll activity last week and urged everyone to contact their local representatives.

Reported by Guerra

- Town Dock Concession Stand Bid – the town received one proposal. The committee will review the proposal and make recommendations to the board.

Reported by Scherban

- Update on the Police Commission meeting

Reported by Goupil

- Goupil met with DEEP last week along with Matt Kennedy, Kristie Wagner and Laura Peterson to discuss the Facilities Plan. Letters went out to property owners along Route 1 for further testing of downtown.
- Goupil reported on last weekend's Household Hazard Waste Day at the Transfer Facility
- FOI Conference has been scheduled and Goupil would like to see participation from board and commission members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL & POSSIBLE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Walter to go into executive session at 8:55 am. The motion was unanimously approved. The board came out of executive session at 9:14 am. No action was taken by the board.

ADJOURN

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Walter and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino