

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
MAY 01, 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

Carrie Allen spoke about her concerns with loud vehicles and asked the board to consider a noise ordinance. The board recommended going to a Police Commission meeting to discuss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 17, 2019

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Scherban to approve the minutes from April 17, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to appoint Will Benoit (D) to the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate seat for a term until November 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to appoint Martin Cherniak (D) to the Board of Ethics until June 30, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved.

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Scherban to appoint Paul Melanson (D) to the Public Works Commission alternate seat until June 30, 2023. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board reviewed membership for the National Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee. Inland Wetlands Commission, Planning & Zoning, Water Pollution and Public Works Commission were asked to review the draft National Hazard Mitigation Plan and submit recommended changes. Input is needed by the local authority.

The board reviewed potential membership for the Pierson Future Use Committee. The board agreed there should be a representative from the historical society, economic development and someone from the school. The board will form the committee at next week's meeting.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to appoint Mike Markovics as the Town's Dock Master. The motion was unanimously approved. Cedar Island Marina is ramping up the pumpout boat program. They are in the process of putting in a holding tank. There will be a coordinated effort by local authority to notify the public that the pumpout boat is available free of charge.

CDM SMITH AMENDMENT 12

CDM Smith Amendment 12 is for on-call engineering support services. The funding for this is already in the 2018/19 operating budget for Water Pollution. This task order will complete the testing for the downtown area. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve CDM Smith Amendment No. 12 for study and design professional services and allow the First Selectman to sign the agreement. Walter recused herself. The motion was unanimously approved.

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CT WATER COMPANY EASEMENT AGREEMENT

The board reviewed the draft easement agreement with CT Water Company. The easement is located behind The Morgan School at 71 Killingworth Turnpike. The CT Water Company's existing public water well and supply system serving the Town of Clinton is threatened due to a breach in the bank as a result of the September 2018 flash flood and course of the Indian River upstream is in need of repair. Guerra made a motion, seconded by Scherban that the First Selectman is authorized to execute an easement in favor of the Connecticut Water Company for temporary construction access over the Morgan School campus and for installation of a portion of the end of a coffer dam system to effect emergency repairs to close the breach in the bank of the Indian River caused by recent storms and flooding. The motion was unanimously approved.

COORDINATED MEDICAL EMERGENCY DIRECTION (CMED) DESIGNATION

Under the provisions of the State of Connecticut Regulations Section 28-24-7(a) and (b) every municipality is eligible for a regional telecommunications service credit for Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction Services. Last year the town designated Valley Shore ECC as the recipient of the credit. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to designate Valley Shore ECC as the recipient of the Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction (CMED) Services for fiscal year 2019/2020 and authorize the First Selectmen to sign the agreement on behalf of the town. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN MANAGER

The committee will be interviewing firms and making their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The board discussed having a special joint meeting to review the proposals.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Sengle

- Sengle inquired about the status of Bob Myer's report.
- Sengle recommended going out to bid for legal services with the town manager.

Reported by Guerra

- Sengle and Guerra both attended Monday night's Planning & Zoning public hearing.

Reported by Scherban

- Pierson play was this past weekend.

Reported by Goupil

- Goupil reported on the preconstruction meeting on the Clinton Train Station. The ground breaking ceremony will be held soon.
- CRAHD meeting

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- RiverCOG - legislation on the table and how it impacts local towns. Specifically, the proposed car tax. The board was asked to review the proposed car tax and provide feedback.
- Health Insurance cooperative voted on a 9 percent increase in health insurance and no increase in dental and prescription. This is 1 percent lower than what was estimated in the budget.
- Goupil will be attending the Westbrook boat christening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL, POSSIBLE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER & LITIGATION

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to go into executive session at 9:03 am. The motion was unanimously approved. Walter left executive session at 9:15 am. The board came out of executive session at 9:30 am. No action was taken by the board.

ADJOURN

Sengle made a motion, seconded by Scherban and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino