

MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
June 26, 2019

PRESENT: First Selectmen Christine Goupil, Selectmen Phil Sengle, Tim Guerra and Carol Walter

Absent: Jack Scherban

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Visitors:

Aldea Savvo made a presentation regarding the senior community centers in Guilford, Madison, Westbrook and Old Saybrook, and the lack of a senior community center in Clinton. Currently they can utilize the Town Hall Annex Community Room on Thursday afternoon. However, the room is inadequate, uninviting, insufficient for their activities. She noted they were promised the Annex a few administrations ago; however due to unforeseen circumstances the building is housing other town offices.

The town is comprised of 19% senior citizens. To keep their mental acuity and physical wellbeing, senior citizens need socialization and structured activities.

Marilyn Gerard: Goes to the Madison Senior Center which offers numerous activities

John Clinton: Town should take care of their senior population

George Talmadge: If the town is not going to establish a Senior Center, then it should provide transportation to and from other centers.

Bethany Knight: She was on the Senior Task Force. The Annex houses a few offices and storage. Consider moving the offices to different locations. And instead of paying \$51,000 to the Estuary use those funds to offset costs associated with running a Clinton Senior Center.

Approval of minutes – June 19, 2019:

A motion was made by P. Sengle, seconded by T. Guerra to approve the minutes of June 19, 2019 as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Resignations and appointments:

Resignations:

Lauren Santos – Board of Finance – alternate seat

- A motion was made by T. Guerra, seconded by C. Walter to accept the resignation of Lauren Santos from the Board of Finance, alternate seat. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:

Melanie Yanus (D) – Board of Finance – alternate seat until November 2019

Chris Passante (D) – Park and Recreation Commission until June 30, 2023

- A motion was made by C. Walter, seconded by T. Guerra to approve the appointment of Melanie Yanus (D) to the Board of Finance, alternate seat until November, 2019 and Chris Passante (D) to the Park and Recreation Commission until June 30, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Reappointments:

John Giannotti – Design Review Board, alternate seat until June 30, 2021

Michael Hesper – Public Works Commission until June 30, 2023

Wayne Church, Edward Eadie, Kim Colgrove – Shellfish Commission until June 30, 2021

Elizabeth Critchly, Carol Geiser, William Sutcliffe – Tree Committee until June 30, 2021

A motion was made by C. Walter, seconded by T. Guerra to approve the reappointments of

- John Giannotti – Design Review Board, alternate seat until June 30, 2021
- Michael Hesper – Public Works Commission until June 30, 2023
- Wayne Church, Edward Eadie, Kim Colgrove – Shellfish Commission until June 30, 2021
- Elizabeth Critchly, Carol Geiser, William Sutcliffe – Tree Committee until June 30, 2021

The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:

Appoint Mike DiDonato in place of Scott Harley as representative of Inland Wetlands Commission to the National Hazard Mitigation Planning Steering Committee

- A motion was made by C. Walter, seconded by T. Guerra to appoint Mike DiDonato in place of Scott Harley as representative of Inland Wetlands Commission to the National Hazard Mitigation Planning Steering Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager: Report by P. Sengle

- The Project Leader from SGR will be in town and interviewing Department Heads July 9, 10 and 11.
- Public Hearings are scheduled as follows:
  - July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Green Room
  - July 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
  - July 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- The Public Hearings are being held to receive input from the public as to what they want in their Town Manager
  - What skills, style, experience, etc.
- From this input SGR will create a position profile
  - An advertisement will be created and sent to professional groups and social platforms

Selectmen Reports:

C. Walter:

- Attended the Traffic Authority meeting tonight
  - Note: C. Goupil is working with the Planner, Planning and Zoning and DPW to address this problem
  - Note: C. Goupil reported the Senior Task Force will present their report at the next Board of Selectmen meeting

T. Guerra:

- A memorial service for former Dock Master Tim Wahl will be held on Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Town Marina.
- A movie night will be held at the Indian River Recreational Center on July 11, 2019 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
  - \$35/person with proceeds going towards enhancement of signage

C. Goupil:

- Attended the CLEAR event on June 25, 2019 where
  - Chief DeMaio was nominated as a finalist for “Chief of the Year”
  - Cpl Varone was nominated as a finalist for “Investigative Excellence”
- Working with CRAHD to provide Heart and Hypertension nursing services on Thursdays as well as discuss the measles epidemic and hold drills
- Update on meeting with RiverCOG for the:
  - RFP for the National Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - \$250,000 grant submission
  - Initial cost per Town \$4,000 to update the NHM Plan
- Carol Conklin will be the Regional Election Monitor, acting as a liaison for Registrar of Voters

- Gave an update on the status of the Morgan bridge repairs
- Thank you note to the Board of Selectmen Scholarship from G. Johnson
- The town is going out for a RFP next week to hire a company for the upcoming property re-val

A motion was made by T. Guerra, seconded by C. Walter to adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott  
Clerk