

Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1/2
February 5, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: R. Smith; T. Gouvert; C. Quinn

Also Present: D. Berndtston; E. Blaschik; C. Brownell; D. Dill; E. Dill; R. Dill; A. Donner; D. Faipler; T. Gelston; M. Gilroy; M. Gleeson; S. Wheeler; L. Zemienieski and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Smith called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Ms. Quinn, seconded by Ms. Gouvert, to approve the Agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 15, 2020.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting on January 15, 2020.

Motion made by Ms. Quinn seconded by Ms. Gouvert, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2020 as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence
 - A. Memo from Town Clerk Regarding Number of Electors: Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to a memo in their meeting packets from the Town Clerk, dated January 29, 2020. He reviewed the summary of voter registration for the Town.
 - B. Representative Haines Letter Regarding "Community Call to Action": Mr. Smith called the Board's attention to a letter in their meeting packets from Representative Irene Haines inviting "*Stakeholders ... to an innovative, engaging and participatory 'Community Call to Action' about our communities' struggle with alcohol and drug use*". Mrs. Smith noted that the letter was received after the deadline to RSVP, however, he informed the Board that the meeting would be held at the Senior Center on February 27th at 7pm, with a snow date of March 2nd.
5. First Selectmen's Report

Mr. Smith reported the following:

- The Board of Selectmen's first 2020-2021 Budget Workshop was held earlier in the day.
- He reviewed the Board of Finance's long-range capital projects planning project.
- He noted the Town's Grand List had increased slightly.
- He advised that Hemlock Valley Road remains closed and work cannot begin until the Town receives the results from the final engineering study.
- Improvements are being made to the soil in the Community Gardens at the Harris property.
- The Town has depleted its 2019-2020 budget for tree removal and the Public Works crew is currently picking up logs and conducting an inventory of felled trees.

- A. Responses to Previous Meeting Questions: Mr. Smith advised that there were no open questions to be discussed at the meeting.
6. Citizen's Concerns: There were no citizens' concerns raised at the meeting.
7. Unfinished Business
 - A. East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee Update: Mr. Smith advised the Center Bridge Group is scheduled to submit their proposal for the old Town Office Site to the EHVRC on March 19th.
 - B. Transfer Station Committee Final Report Discussion & Solid Waste Facility Ordinance: Mr. Smith stated that he plans on meeting with the local haulers on February 17th. He reported that he submitted a proposal for re-routing the Transfer Station's traffic flow to Public Works for their feedback and noted that Consumer Union has loaned the Town several traffic control barriers for use at the Transfer Station.
 - C. Citation Hearing Procedure Ordinance Discussion: Mr. Smith stated that the Public Hearing on this agenda item will be pushed out to March.
 - D. Control of Animals Ordinance: Mr. Smith stated that the Public Hearing on this agenda item will be pushed out to March.
 - E. Cemetery Committee Discussion: There was no new update on this agenda item and discussion was postponed.
8. New Business
 - A. Board/Commission/Committee Changes

Conservation Commission

Mr. Smith called the Selectmen's attention to correspondence relating to a change on the Conservation Commission.

Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to appoint John Olin to fill a vacancy as an alternate member, with a term to expire June 30, 2020, on the Conservation Commission.
Unanimous aye.

In response to a reminder from Mr. Smith, Conservation Commission Chairwoman Gleeson confirmed that Mr. Olin's membership would be renewed in June.

- B. Tax Refunds: There was one tax refund considered at the meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to award a tax refund in the amount presented:

- \$234.31 to Toyota Lease Trust.

Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment at the meeting.

10. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison Reports: The following liaison reports were provided:

- Selectwoman Quinn reported as follows:
 - The Zoning Board of Appeals had heard and approved two hardship appeals at their February 4th meeting.
 - The main subject discussed at the January 28th Planning & Zoning Commission meeting was the agenda item regarding a proposed amendment change to the floating zone regulations for the Planned Recreational Development/Resort Zones. She stated that there was considerable public comment at the meeting concerning the proposal and noted that the Commissioners expect to make a decision on the proposal at their February 11th meeting.
- Selectwoman Govert reported as follows:
 - She recently met with Ms. McCabe and Officer Rhoades regarding the installation of a drug drop-off box in Town and they are waiting for feedback on their request from the CT Drug Control Division.
- First Selectman Smith reported as follows:
 - The Open Space Commission is considering several properties for purchase.
 - He reviewed several of the Conservation Commission's projects. In response to a question from Mr. Smith, Chairwoman Gleeson advised that she is currently reviewing the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development to identify sections in which the Commission may play a role.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Quinn, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,
Theresa Govert, Secretary