

BOARD OF SELECTMEN –October 25, 2016

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No representatives from the public were present.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2016 Meeting, with a modification to the last bullet on page 3, changing “look at” to “consider”.

No tax refunds were presented by the Tax Collector.

DISCUSSION:

There were no updates to the Town Hall improvements, the sale of the small parcel on the edge of the playground to Peter Ferrarosso, or the Board of Finance Request for a 20-year Capital Plan as part of the budget process.

Don Stein informed the Selectmen that Tim Deschenes-Desmond, a retired State of Connecticut employee, who is a social worker, had volunteered for the Winsted Youth Services Bureau Board of Directors. The Selectmen will consider this appointment at their next meeting.

Don Stein informed the Selectmen that he had met the individual who is the CT DEEP focal point for Trails at a seminar, and that he and Dan Jerram, New Hartford First Selectman, will be re-submitting the application for a \$40,000 grant for the wildlife census by Dr. Michael Klemens and for the feasibility assessment of the improvements to the existing trail in the MDC Greenwoods property. The re-application, which has a high probability of being funded, is a letter signed by both First Selectmen, a letter from Michael Klemens indicating the need to do the work in the Spring, and permission from the MDC to conduct the wildlife review. The letter from the MDC will not provide permission to proceed with any work on the path, just to conduct the census.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously, to appoint Tim Deschenes-Desmond to an Alternate position on the Economic Development Commission for a term from October 25, 2016 to December 31, 2019, and Kathy Williams to an Alternate position on the Economic Development Commission for a term from October 25, 2016 to December 31, 2017. It was noted that there was a 3rd volunteer for this Commission, John Noelke. Don Stein took the action to inform John that there were still openings on the Conservation Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission, if he was interested.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Don Stein informed the Selectmen that he had a discussion with the CT DEEP Commissioner, Robert Klee, regarding their plans to delay opening of the American Legion State Campground until Memorial Day, rather than opening it on the first day of Fishing Season, as was done in the past. He also discussed this issue with State Senator Kevin Witkos, who will assist in attempting to reverse this decision, which is very negative for the Town's small businesses who depend on the fishermen in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

Next Board of Selectmen meeting will be a Special Meeting on Nov. 8 (Election Day) at 9:00 AM.