

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – May 24, 2016

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway. Also present was Linda Stein and John Doyle, residents.

DELEGATIONS: John Doyle, a member of the Winsted Health Center Board of Directors, addressed the Selectmen regarding the scheduled start of bus service by the Northwest Transit District to the Health Center on Spencer Street. The Health Center is the largest such facility in Winsted and includes an emergency room, Veterans' clinic, 12 practitioners and other specialties, and a Community Health Center. It has tried for years to get scheduled public transportation, and finally John contacted the Transit District, of which Ray Pech is the Town's representative and also, the Board Chair. Based on the rapid response (6 weeks), the Health Center Board approved a Certificate of Appreciation to Ray for implementing this very important service to the public.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to approve the following tax refund:

\$ 153.81	JP Morgan Chase NA	refund
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DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church had found a volunteer to regrade their parking lot and that they did not need any additional material. Therefore, there was no need for the Town to participate or assist the Church in repairing the parking area which is used heavily by parents of children playing youth sports on the school playing fields.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the estimated budget figures for the end of the Fiscal Year. Based on estimates-at-completion for all budget line items, the General Government budget should provide a small surplus back to the General Fund. This was made possible due to the mild winter, lower electrical and oil prices, and the unneeded portion of the contingency established for the cost of the Resident Trooper. These savings are countered by the large legal expenses that are being incurred due to the tax assessment appeal lawsuit and other unplanned legal needs.

The Selectmen signed the **Tax Rate Bill** in accordance with the statutory requirement.

MOTION: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

Upcoming Meeting Schedule: June 14 – regular meeting, June 28 – canceled, July 12 – regular meeting, July 26 – canceled, August 2 (9:00 AM) – special meeting, August 9 – canceled, August 23 - regular meeting