

BOARD OF SELECTMEN –December 13, 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 Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2016 Meeting.

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

\$ 38.72	Corelogic	refund
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DISCUSSION:

The Selectmen reviewed the expenditures and revenues through November 30, 2016. The revenues appear to be ahead of the budget for this time of year, which is positive, and the expenditures are on track. The only two areas of minor concern are legal and IT expenses, but these should both be manageable within the context of the overall budget.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the MDC has still not provided authorization to apply to the CT DEEP for funds to study the wildlife in the Greenwoods property along the trail from Pleasant Valley to New Hartford. Therefore, that project is still on hold awaiting permission from the MDC to apply.

He also stated that he had met with Senator Witkos and Tom Tyler of the DEEP regarding the plan not to open the American Legion campground until Memorial Day (6 weeks after the start of Fishing Season) and to close it on Labor Day (5 weeks before the normal closing on Columbus Day). This decision, which is very negative to Riverton and the rest of the Town, is driven by budget pressure and directives from the Governor's office and is the result of expenditures coming from the DEEP budget and revenues going into the General Fund. Senator Witkos requested that DEEP provide financial data regarding the campground so that he could look at ways to enable the campground to have the full season it has had in the past.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously, to approve the attached meeting schedule for 2017. The Selectmen decided to hold the second meeting of the month at 5:00 PM rather than 7:00 PM in an effort to make the meeting easier to attend for those who prefer not to be out at night. They also scheduled the second meeting in January for the 31st rather than the 24th due to the unavailability of a quorum

on the earlier date.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously, to appoint the following members to the Town's Commissions, for the terms specified.

Conservation Commission

Ginny Apple	1/1/17-12/31/18
Roger Behrens	1/1/17-12/31/18
Mike Schulde	1/1/17-12/31/18

Inland Wetlands Commission

Chris Tooker	1/1/17-12/31/18
Martha Sullivan	1/1/17-12/31/18
John Greaser	1/1/17-12/31/18
Carmen Smith	1/1/17-12/31/18 (alternate)

Economic Development Commission

Kevin Noblet	1/1/17-12/31/21
Bob Geiger	1/1/17-12/31/21

Recreation Commission

Rejean Labrie	1/1/17-12/31/21
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MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously, to approve the letter sent to the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) by the First Selectman regarding the Town's declaration for assignment of the Town to an Exclusive Service Area (ESA). An ESA refers to provision of public water supply within the Town by the holder of the ESA. The Town's letter to the WUCC declares that the Town requests that it remain unassigned at this time, with the exception of the area that was requested by the Winsted Water Works, who declared the ESA for that portion of the western end of the Route 44 corridor within Barkhamsted. This area is defined in the Interlocal Agreements between Winsted and Barkhamsted regarding public water supply and public sewers. The letter also stated that at a later time, the Town may want to consider requesting that New Hartford extend water and sewer into the eastern end of Route 44 corridor, as needed or appropriate.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the State has requested that the Town designate a "Drought Coordinator", who would be responsible for working with the State and the residents to enact measures as needed in the event that drought conditions persist or become more significant. Don Stein will submit his name to the State for that purpose.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously, to authorize the First Selectman to apply for and administer the Neglected Cemetery Account Grant from the State of Connecticut. This grant for \$2,000 will be used to assist the Riverton Cemetery in their annual clean-up, trimming of trees and branches, up-righting and resetting stones, mowing 3-4 times a year and removing leaves.

OTHER BUSINESS: Don Stein will attend the January Planning & Zoning meeting to discuss their vote in opposition to the sale of the very small piece of property at the edge of the school playground to Peter Ferraresso. This transaction was approved at the Town Meeting, but requires approval by the PZC (per CT Statute §8-24) before it can be finalized. If they are unwilling to re-vote on this issue, the alternative would be to negotiate an easement to allow construction of a fence along the playground to enhance the safety of those playing in that area.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55, on a motion by Ray Pech. It was noted that the December 27th meeting will be canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

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MEETING DATES FOR 2017

January 10 and 31

February 14 and 28

March 14 and 28

April 11 and 25

May 9 and 23

June 13 and 27

July 11 and 25

August 8 and 22

September 12 and 26

October 10 and 24

November 14 and 28

December 12 and 26

Notes:

Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each Month (except in January 2017 where the second meeting of the month will be held the 5th Tuesday of the month)

The first meeting of the month is at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall

The second meeting of the month is at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall