

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN – SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

### MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 4:58 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Mark Hemenway. Also present were Rich Novak, Highway Supervisor, and Mike Muszynski, CCM's representative to the Town.

**DELEGATIONS:** No delegations were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mike Muszynski discussed with the Selectmen the various services provided by CCM and his understanding of the budget situation. These services included development of a legislative agenda as voted on by the CCM members and lobbying on behalf of the Towns, regardless of size, electric purchasing, drug and alcohol testing of town highway department employees, various municipal training seminars, municipal database, and other services.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017, meeting.

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

\$ 14.98	Jon Starn or Evelyn Betz	refund
\$ 273.98	Financial Vehicle Service Trust	refund

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen briefly discussed the status of the State budget focused primarily on the likelihood of the Governor vetoing the budget which had been passed in the Legislature. Since this budget essentially provides the same municipal aid as the Town received in FY '17, the Selectmen were hopeful that the Governor would decide not to veto (*note: it was vetoed on Thursday, September 28*). Fortunately, the Town's cash position is positive for sustaining cash flow for the next several months while the budget situation is straightened out in Hartford. However, the possibility of significant cuts could force the Town and/or schools to cut services or could force the need for a supplemental tax bill. These decisions will depend on what budget is finally approved by the Governor.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to add discussion of a resolution expressing the Town's favorable view of the Legislative budget and urging the Governor not to veto it. The possibility of holding a Special Meeting on Friday, September 29, was discussed to formally consider the resolution if it was determined that it would be helpful. (*note: based on the veto, the Special Meeting was not held*).

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen briefly discussed the status of the sewers from Winsted to Mallory

Brook Plaza. There was no news on this matter as Don Stein had not been able to connect with the property manager or the new owners. Further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** The Selectmen tabled discussion and approval of the Plan of Conservation and Development to the next meeting which will be held prior to the Planning & Zoning Commission's public hearing on the Plan.

**DISCUSSION:** Rich Novak discussed the possible purchase of a new plow truck, which was approved in this year's capital budget. Freightliner has proposed a new truck, already built as a demo model, which has all the features that the Highway Department needs. The truck could be available by the end of October vs. delivery of a newly built truck which would not be available until after the winter. Freightliner's pricing is based on the State bid list, which allows the Town to purchase as a negotiated price and eliminates the need to go out to bid. By consensus, the Selectmen requested that Rich explore a deposit on the truck to hold it for 30 days in the hope that the State budget situation would be clarified by then. It was agreed that spending roughly \$175,000 at this point, without a State budget, was not appropriate.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to approve updates to the Policies and Procedures manual to bring it into alignment with the union negotiations and the provisions in the contract which apply to the manual sections.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein  
First Selectman

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*The next meeting of the BOS will be the Regular Meeting to be held on October 10 at 7:00PM.*