

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – June 27, 2017

MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 5:07PM. 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 (Mark Hemenway abstained) to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2017, meeting.

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

\$ 238.27	Carmelo Messina	tax credit
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DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed the FY '16/'17 expenditures and estimates for expenditures at the end of the current fiscal year. This includes the status of all the funds outside of the General Government budgets (Recreation, Animal Control, Seniors), as well as the STEAP grants and the Town Aid Road fund. After the General Government line items and the Highway Department expenses in the General Fund are covered, and the STEAP grant for Park Road repaving is completed, there will only be sufficient funds in the road budgets to do basic road and drainage repairs. Additionally, due to the unknown State budget and the lack of certainty in the level of funding for Town Aid Road, LOCIP and STEAP, the Town will be unable to do normal maintenance projects such as chipsealing and crack repair. If these grants do get funded, we will revisit the plan. There was also a brief discussion of the overall State budget and the facts that additional budget cuts may be required if the Town's State aid is cut excessively.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein let the attorney for Mr. Ferris, the resident of Fancher Road who is interested in acquiring the road, know that he can start the process. There are no guarantees that this will happen due to the number and complexity of the steps that are required for such a transaction to take place.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein will reach out to Mr. Ferraresso regarding the transfer of property from the school playground. Since the Selectmen do not wish to put this on a Town Meeting agenda, he would have to petition the Town to vote on this transfer.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that Quinoco was selected to replace the boiler

at the Senior Center, as they were the low bidder for the oil-fired boiler. This option, rather than the more-expensive propane boiler, was selected to meet the capital project budget, and because financial payback for the propane option was uncertain at today's commodity pricing.

The RFP for replacement of the Town website has been issued and responses are due on July 6.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Mark Hemenway, and passed unanimously to add an item to the agenda: "Appointment of a member to fill a vacancy on the Conservation Commission".

MOTION: A motion was made by Mark Hemenway, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously to appoint Bianca Beland to the fill the vacancy for a member on the Conservation Commission for a term through 12/31/2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM on a Motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Don Stein.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

The July 11th regular meeting will be canceled and a Special Meeting will be held on July 17 at 4:00PM. A Special Meeting will be held on August 1st at 7:00 PM and the regular meetings of July 25th and August 8th will be canceled.