

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting on Monday, November 2, 2009 in the Meeting Room of the C.H. Booth Library, Main Street, Newtown. First Selectman Borst called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: First Selectman Joseph E. Borst, Selectman Paul Mangiafico, Selectman Herbert Rosenthal.

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Robert Tait, Town Engineer Ron Bolmer, Town Attorney David Grogins, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Janet Robinson, five members of the public and one member of the press.

VOTER PARTICIPATION: none

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: Selectman Mangiafico moved to accept the minutes of October 20, 2009. Selectman Rosenthal seconded with the following correction: The motion regarding the Parks and Recreation Community Center should be "\$6,000,000 for CIP year 2010-2011 and \$6,000,000 for CIP year 2011-2012 for a project total of \$12,000,000." The minutes as amended were unanimously accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman noted he's looking into cost estimates for solar units for the flagpole to provide lights to the flag. The Newtown Municipal Center dedication has been rescheduled to November 21, 2009. There was discussion on the light posts at the Newtown Municipal Center. Selectman Mangiafico doesn't think it's fair that one tenant was made to follow the standard of the Fairfield Hills Authority but the town didn't. Selectman Rosenthal doesn't have a problem with the use of aluminum vs. steel but the dimensions are very different. Selectman Mangiafico suggested switching the light posts at Reed Intermediate School with the light posts at the Newtown Municipal Center. Mr. Geckle stated the Authority feels strongly that economics and money does not overlay the standards. The position of the Authority is that the lamps need to be replaced.

OLD BUSINESS;

Discussion and possible action: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

- 3. Superintendent presentation on the state of the schools:** Dr. Robinson spoke about The mission statement and how unique it is. The mission of the Newtown Public Schools, a Partnership of students, families, educators and community is to inspire each student to excel. She hopes the collaboration idea will be seen by future boards in terms of interaction with the Board of Education. There are five action teams: Capital Improvement Plan, Communication Plan, Achievement Plan, Personal Success Plan and Character Education Plan. The schools are working very closely with the state on the success plan. The High School has a news letter; the principal has a blog with updates on the high school expansion. The school is working closely with the town health department and regularly updates the website on H1N1. There will be community meetings to hear what parents and community members are looking for. The future CIP's will be more research based with input from Finance and Council members. Dr. Robinson reported on enrollments (Att. A) as of Oct. 1, 2009 saying there is a total of 5500 students currently, there is a decline in enrollments but Hawley School enrollments are up. The report that shows the reason for students leaving is not yet complete. The high school should

be at 80%-85% capacity to be able to schedule student appropriately. The teachers union agreed on a three year contract. There is H1N1 in the school district with a spike in the high school precipitated by a band competition in PA. School dances and any field trips that require a lengthy bus ride will be cancelled for the next month or so.

1. **Driveway Bond Releases/Extension:** Selectman Mangiafico moved the release of the driveway bonds as outlined in attachment B. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. Mr. Eric Salvesen of Sterling Associates explained that he did not request an extension of his original driveway bond because he was not notified of the expiration. The apron was completed at no burden to the town. All in favor.
2. **Appointments/Reappointments:** Selectman Rosenthal moved the appointment of Matthew Schaub as Assistant Municipal Animal Control Officer for a term to expire on April 17, 2010. First Selectman Borst seconded. All in favor.
4. **Children's Adventure Center Resolution:** Selectman Rosenthal resolved that Joseph E. Borst, First Selectman, Town of Newtown, is empowered to enter into or amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Newtown, with the Department of Social Services of the State of Connecticut for a Child Day Care program if such an agreement is offered and to have the corporate seal affixed to all documents required as part of any offered agreement. Selectman Mangiafico seconded. All in favor.
5. **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant:** Selectman Rosenthal resolved that Joseph E. Borst, First Selectman of the Town of Newtown, is empowered and authorized to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Newtown an application for funding under the Office of Policy Management Municipal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and understand that funding under this program is from Connecticut's allocation of funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. Selectman Mangiafico. All in favor
6. **NHS Yearbook Advertisement:** First Selectman Borst stated a high school student had approached him about buying space in the high school yearbook. Selectman Rosenthal stated he had never been approached while he was in office. No action taken.
7. **Executive Session:** Selectman Rosenthal moved to enter executive session for purpose of discussing potential personnel matters. Invited to attend were David Grogins, Robert Tait, Bob Geckle and Peter D'Amico for portions that pertained to them. Selectman Mangiafico seconded. All in favor. Executive session was entered at 8:35pm and returned to regular session at 10:05pm with the following motion noted:

Selectman Rosenthal moved the First Selectman authorize the Town Attorney to defend the Town of Newtown in legal action brought on by Standard Demolition Services, Inc. Selectman Mangiafico seconded. All in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the Board of Selectman adjourned their regular meeting at 10:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Marcinek, Clerk

Att. A: Enrollment Report
Att. B: Driveway bond release

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