

Board of Selectman
February 4, 2013

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, February 4, 2013 in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Center, Newtown. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

PRESENT: First Selectman Llodra, Selectman William F.L. Rodgers, Selectman James Gaston, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Robert Tait, Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers Jim Juliano, Margot Hall and Marie Smith; Director of the Children's Adventure Center Mae Schmidle, Director of Parks & Recreation Amy Mangold, Assistant Director of Parks Carl Samuelson, Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman Ed Marks, Town Attorney David Grogins (8:30pm), one member of the public and four members of the press.

VOTER PARTICIPATION: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: Selectman Gaston moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2013, the special meeting of January 28, 2013 and the special meeting of January 29, 2013 as presented. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

ADD TO AGENDA: Selectman Gaston moved to add as item #5 under New Business for discussion the status report on the Sandy Hook School input and decision making process. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: none.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT: none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

1. Town of Newtown 2013-2014 budget

- **Children's Adventure Center:** Mae Schmidle was present to discuss the Children's Adventure Center. Mr. Tait explained the detail includes twelve employees; the new budget year includes ten employees. Ms. Schmidle said the healing dogs have been on site and have been wonderful for the children. Selectman Rodgers moved the Children's Adventure Center bottom line of \$135,647. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.
- **Edmond Town Hall:** Mr. Juliano and Ms. Hall were present to discuss the Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers budget. First Selectman Llodra stated that the Board of Managers has been unresponsive to requests for information on their budget leaving the Selectmen in a position of not being able to justify the amount requested. There needs to be detail, more information and clarity of expenses. Mr. Juliano thanked the selectmen for all they have done for Newtown in their time of need. He went over a budget worksheet. Mr. Tait said the Board of Managers is in good shape with over \$300,000 in fund balance. Selectmen Rodgers said we will give the board examples from other departments in an attempt to get fuller disclosure from the Board of Managers. Selectman Gaston said there is no doubt about the great work that is done but the budget request lacks detail. Ms. Hall said there is a chart that shows how they arrived at their numbers. Selectman Rodgers moved to reduce the proposed bottom line for Town Hall Board of Managers \$7,000 from the proposed \$147,556 to \$140,556. Selectman Gaston seconded for discussion. Selectman Rodgers said he is confident that greater detail will justify a transfer from contingency for an unexpected item. Selectman Gaston said the Board of Finance can ask for greater detail than the selectmen have

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received. Selectman Gaston is comfortable with the First Selectman proposal of \$147,556. Motion passed: YES: Rodgers, Llodra, NO: Gaston.

- **Parks & Recreation:** Ed Marks, Amy Mangold and Carl Samuelson were present to discuss the Parks & Recreation budget. Ms. Mangold explained the addition of three counselors; the number of counselors last year was insufficient to cover the demand of the programs. The hour lost at Eichlers Cove is going to be restored. Mr. Samuelson said items that have been identified that will help the department be more efficient and make better use of staff hours. Mr. Samuelson reported Oakview field should be ready for usage in fall of 2013. Mr. Marks said that they have tried to find a balance between equipment and projects. Selectman Gaston moved the line item for Parks & Recreation in the amount of \$2,216,342. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.
- **Other Misc.:**

Public Safety:

Selectman Rodgers moved the line item for Emergency Communications in the amount of \$1,023,717. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Tait explained canine control has three budgets now, the general fund budget, a trust fund of \$50,000/yr plus 3% each year for inflation and \$10,000 for educating students at the facility and the dog fund which is for dog tags through the Clerk's office. First Selectman Llodra said the expectation of the bequest is that it not be used to supplant the operational budget. Selectman Rodgers moved the line item for Canine Control in the amount of \$153,636. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Gaston moved the Fire line item in the amount of \$1,214,591. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Gaston moved the line item for Emergency Management in the amount of \$52,145. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Rodgers moved Lake Authorities line item in the amount of \$50,621. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Rodgers moved N.W. Safety Communication line item in the amount of \$9,783. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Gaston moved Emergency Medical Services line item in the amount of \$270,000. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Gaston moved NW Connecticut EMS Council line item in the amount of \$250. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

Health and Welfare:

Selectman Rodgers moved Social Services line item in the amount of \$138,103. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Rodgers moved Senior Services line item in the amount of \$330,838. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Gaston moved Newtown Health District line item in the amount of \$375,962. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Gaston moved Newtown Youth & Family Services line item in the amount of \$296,528. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Rodgers moved Outside Agency Contributions line item in the amount of \$92,561. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

Recreation & Leisure:

Selectman Gaston moved the Library line item in the amount of \$1,123,196. Selectman Rodgers recused himself. Motion passed: YES: Gaston, Llodra.

Selectman Gaston moved the Newtown Cultural Arts Commission line item in the amount of \$5,000. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Gaston moved the Newtown Parade Committee line item in the amount of \$1,500. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.

Other Financing Issues:

Selectman Rodgers moved Transfer Out – To Other Funds line item in the amount of \$41,000. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

Selectman Rodgers moved to authorize the Finance Director to change the language on page 273 of the proposed budget document to change the detail of the capital non-recurring, Town Pooled Vehicle Replacement Program from \$50,000 to \$25,000 and change the title To Be Determined to Police Software System and change the amount from \$45,000 to \$70,000. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor.

First Selectman Proposed 2013-2104 budget

Selectman Rodgers moved the total Board of Selectman budget amount of \$38,515,199. Selectman Gaston seconded. All in favor. This represents a 1.92% increase over the prior year.

Selectman Rodgers excused himself from the meeting at 8:50pm

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

- 1. Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** Selectman Gaston moved to release the common driveway bond, in the amount of \$10,425, to M & E Land Group, Sleepy Hollow Road, M42, B1, L26 & 27. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Appointments/Reappointments:** Selectman Gaston moved the appointments/reappointments as noted on memo dated 2/4/13 (Att.) First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Tax Refunds:** Selectman Gaston moved the February 2013 Tax Refunds, Refund No. 11, 2012/2013 in the amount of \$14,580.08. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
- 4. Transfer:** Selectman Gaston moved the \$20,000 transfer from Contingency to Legal Services-Other (Att.) First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.
- 5. Status Report on the Sandy Hook School Input & Decision Making Process:** There have been two community conversations, one meeting with Sandy Hook School faculty, meetings with victim families, survivor families and will meet more with faculty and Sandy Hook PTA. That input and process is likely to be concluded with approximately two weeks more of meetings to discuss views about what the resolution should be; how to go forward with a facility and a program for Sandy Hook School. The idea at this point is to have the 28 members of the elected bodies come together as individuals, not board

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members, to reflect on what the voice of the community is in its varying constituent parts, options, opportunities with each option and how to reconcile those options with the voice of the community and craft a plan going forward so we have an answer to the question what do we as a community want to do with the future of the Sandy Hook School facility and programs. An artificial deadline is May 1. First Selectman Llodra believes the commitment of the state and federal government is honest and valid.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

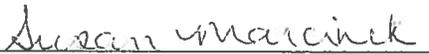
ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Selectman Gaston moved to enter executive session to discuss legal issues relative to a land transfer. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor. David Grogins was invited to attend. Executive session was entered into at 8:55pm and returned to regular session at 9:05pm with the following action taken:

Selectman Gaston moved that the Town pay \$10,000 to American Tax to transfer the Watkins property at 28A Glen Road, Sandy Hook, from their organization to the Town. First Selectman Llodra seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Susan Marcinek, Clerk

Att: Appointments/Reappointments, 2/4/13
\$20,000 Transfer

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APPOINTMENT

Board of Ethics

(R) Jacqueline Villa, 17 Bradley Lane, SH

to fill a vacancy to expire 1/6/14

RE-APPOINTMENT

Inland Wetlands Commission

(R) Edward Bryan, 89 Riverside Road, SH

1/6/13 – 1/6/17

Assistant Municipal Animal Control Officer

Helen Wigzell, 194 Jockey Hollow Road, Monroe

to expire 4/17/2013

Commission on Aging

(U) Joanne F. Davis, 40 Horseshoe Ridge Road

1/6/13 – 1/6/16

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
 APPROPRIATION (BUDGET) TRANSFER REQUEST**

Att.

FISCAL YEAR 2012 - 2013 **DEPARTMENT** Community Developr **DATE** 1/18/13

FROM:	<u>Account</u> 01570-2000 CONTINGENCY FUND	<u>Amount</u> (20,000.00)	USE NEGATIVE AMOUNT
TO:	01100-4063 LEGAL SERVICES-OTHER	20,000.00	USE POSITIVE AMOUNT

REASON:

\$20,000 is for reimbursement of legal fees paid to Ted Backer for representation of Community Investment Fund Environmental, Inc. for the acquisition of 40 Swamp Road Newtown, Connecticut From Charles Batchelder, Inc.

This final legal payment will enable the Town start the process of the obtaining of various grants for the completion of the cleanup of this property.

AUTHORIZATION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) DEPARTMENT HEAD	<u>Elizabeth Stodun</u>	date: 1/22/2013
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (2) FINANCE DIRECTOR	<u>[Signature]</u>	1/23/13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (3) SELECTMAN	<u>James O. [Signature]</u>	2/4/13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (4) BOARD OF SELECTMEN	<u>E. P. [Signature]</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (5) BOARD OF FINANCE	_____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (6) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	_____	

AUTHORIZATION SIGN OFF

FIRST 335 DAYS >>>>WITH IN A DEPT.>>>>LESS THAN \$50,000>>>> (1), (2) & (3) SIGNS OFF; MORE THAN \$50,000>>>> (1), (2), (3) & (5)
 >>>>ONE DEPT TO ANOTHER>>>>LESS THAN \$200,000>>>>ALL EXCEPT (6); MORE THAN \$200,000>>>>ALL SIGN OFF

AFTER 335 DAYS >>>>(1), (2), (3), (5) & (6) ANY AMOUNT FROM CONTINGENCY>>>> ALL SIGN OFF