

Board of Selectmen
March 19, 2018

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SELECMTEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, March 19, 2018, in the Council Chamber, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

PRESENT: First Selectman Daniel C. Rosenthal, Selectman Maureen Crick Owen and Selectman Jeff Capeci.

ALSO PRESENT: Kimberly Chiapetta, two member of the press.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: Selectman Capeci moved to accept the minutes of 03/05/18. Selectmen Crick Owen seconded. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Rosenthal shared the most recent storm report (att.), saying we remain within budget but recent storms have brought to total closer to exceeding budget. Newtown has been ranked in the top 100 safest communities in the United States.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: none.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

1. **Business Advisory Committee:** The thought behind this is to give businesses an opportunity to share ideas and thoughts with local government; ways to make the business climate in town friendlier, to retain business as well as recruit new business. Many businesses in the community are members of peer groups with businesses outside of Newtown and hear creative ideas that can be shared with local government. Selectman Crick Owen moved to approve the Newtown Business Advisory Committee as outlined in the language provided (att.). Selectman Capeci seconded. Selectman Crick Owen suggested adding 'or designees(s)' to the portion relative to local newspaper(s). Selectman Capeci asked if the Economic Development Commission reviewed the language. Selectman Rosenthal spoke with both the EDC and the Chamber of Commerce and received positive feedback. Selectman Capeci suggested language change relative to members being appointed to serve. The committee will provide non-binding information. The success will be dependent on how willing local government is to incorporate ideas. If there is a nice synergy between the committee and local government there will be consideration given to establishing a commission. Non-voting members can participate; this is to be a local business driven effort. All in favor.
2. **Certified Resolution:** Selectman Crick Owen moved to approve the certified resolution for the Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization Planning Grant: Be it resolved by the Board of Selectman 1.) That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites (including the match obligations) for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S Section 32-763 and the Guidelines of the BAR Planning Program; 2.) That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Newtown in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 is hereby approved and that Daniel Rosenthal, First Selectman, is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Newtown. 3.) That is agrees to fulfill the

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required 10% cash match of the BAR Planning Grant Program if the application is successful. Selectman Capeci seconded. Ms. Chiapetta was present to explain that the office of Economic & Community Development is working with Naugatuck Valley COG to apply for the grant. The requested use is to obtain engineer drawings of the Fairfield Hills campus infrastructure and other documents necessary for an infrastructure upgrade project. Selectman Capeci asked if would obligate the town to anything other than the match requirement. Ms. Chiapetta will inquire with Naugatuck Valley COG. All in favor.

3. **HART Grant Assignment Certification:** Selectman Crick Owen moved to authorize Daniel Rosenthal to sign the grant assignment certification of the State of Connecticut 13b-38bb Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Municipal Grant Program through the Housatonic Area Regional Transit District. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.
4. **Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies/Openings:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the re-appointment of Michelle Rosenthal to the Hattertown Historic District for a term to expire 06/30/22. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.
5. **Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** none.
6. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Crick Owen moved to revise the February 2018, refunds, Refund No. 14 from \$29,483.61 TO \$29,480.61. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor. Selectman Crick Owen moved the March 2018 Refunds, Refund No. 17, 2017/18 in the amount of \$113,324.97. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor. Selectman Crick Owen moved the April 2018 Refunds, Refund No. 18, 2017/2018 in the amount of \$79,827.94. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Selectman Crick Owen moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the potential acquisition of property for municipal purposes. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor. Executive session was entered into at 7:58pm and returned to regular session with the following motion:

Selectman Crick Owen moved to send a letter of intent to property owner as discussed in executive session. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business Selectman Crick Owen moved to adjourn the regular Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:41pm.

Sue Marcinek, Clerk

Attachments: Storm report; Newtown Business Advisory Committee language

WINTER STORM BREAKDOWN										2017-2018			
Storm #	DATE	DAY	TIME IN	TIME OUT	TYPE OF	USED	SAND PER YD	USED	TREATED SALT COST	HOURS	OVERTIME	TOTAL COST OF	
						YDS		TONS			COST	STORM	
1	12/9-12/10/17	Sat.-Sun.	10:00 AM	3:00 AM	STORM	247.9	\$19.25	294.23	\$78.07	462	\$20,531.41	\$ 48,274.02	
2	12/12-12/13/17	Tue.-Wed.	8:30 PM	12:30 AM	6" Snow	185.5	\$4,772.07	244.85	\$22,970.54	100	\$4,432.96	\$ 27,119.27	
3	12/14/2017	Thur.	3:00 AM	7:00 AM	Light Snow	122.4	\$3,570.88	244.85	\$19,115.44	96	\$4,274.67	\$ 18,161.81	
4	12/15/2017	Fri.	3:30 PM	9:00 PM	Light Snow	120	\$2,356.20	147.7	\$11,530.94	72	\$3,224.41	\$ 17,602.47	
5	12/23/2017	Saturday	3:45 AM	8:00 AM	1" light Snow	125	\$2,310.00	154.58	\$12,068.06	79.25	\$3,553.21	\$ 17,659.03	
6	12/25/2017	Monday	4:30 AM	12:00 PM	Freezing Rain	158	\$2,406.25	192.56	\$11,699.57	194.5	\$11,160.67	\$ 29,235.33	
7	12/30/2017	Saturday	9:30 AM	4:30 PM	2" wet snow	148.1	\$3,041.50	187.14	\$15,033.16	145.75	\$6,490.81	\$ 23,951.75	
8	1/4-1/5/2018	Thur - Friday	3:00 AM	12:00 AM	light snow	293.25	\$2,850.92	375.5	\$14,610.02	352	\$15,632.20	\$ 50,592.55	
9	1/9/2018	Monday	3:30 PM	6:15 PM	10" Snow	64	\$5,645.06	82.51	\$29,315.28	66.25	\$2,936.25	\$ 10,609.81	
		Wednesday	3:30 AM	4:15 PM	Light Snow		\$1,232.00		\$6,441.56				
10	1/17 & 1/18/18	Thursday	3:00 AM	7:00 AM	2" Snow	362.2	\$6,972.35	445.51	\$34,780.97	250.25	\$11,101.86	\$ 52,855.18	
11	1/30/2018	Tuesday	2:15 AM	7:00 AM	2" Light Snow	129.5	\$2,492.88	159.68	\$12,466.22	115.25	\$5,120.08	\$ 20,079.17	
12	2/2/2018	Friday	3:45 AM	7:00 AM	1/2-1" Snow	150.5	\$2,897.13	184.52	\$14,405.48	94.5	\$4,178.23	\$ 21,480.83	
		Wednesday	4:00 AM	7:15 PM	1" of Snow, Freezing								
13	2/7 & 2/8/2018	Thursday	4:00 AM	7:00 AM	Rain, and Ice	372.65	\$7,173.51	458.48	\$35,793.53	282.25	\$12,492.98	\$ 55,460.03	
14	2/14/2018	Wednesday	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	Spotty Ice	37.4	\$719.95	43.9	\$3,427.27	5.25	\$233.05	\$ 4,380.27	
15	2/17-2/18/2018	Sat-Sunday	5:30 AM	6:30 AM	6" of Snow	201	\$3,869.25	241.71	\$18,870.30	339	\$15,024.83	\$ 37,764.38	
16	3/2/2018	Friday	7:00 AM	10:30 PM	Mixed Snow & Ice	100.25	\$1,929.81	118.1	\$9,220.07	169.25	\$7,518.37	\$ 18,668.25	
					12 - 15 " Wet Snow								
17	3/7-3/9/2018	Wed - Friday	3:00 AM	7:00 AM	Down Trees & Wires	183.75	\$3,537.19	223.83	\$17,474.41	698	\$ 30,810.68	\$ 51,822.28	
17 Cont.	3/9-3/11/2018	Fri-Sunday	3:30 PM	12:45 PM	Small crew to stay and help Eversource clean up wood to open roads								
18	3/13/2018	Tuesday	1:00 AM	5:00 PM	10-12 " Heavy snow	108.9	\$2,096.33	135.46	\$10,575.36	172.5	\$7,458.21	\$ 7,458.21	
					TOTAL	3110.3	\$59,873.27	3840.12	\$299,798.17	3836.75	\$172,532.28	\$ 532,203.72	
						YDS	Cost of	Tons	Cost of	OT Hrs	Cost of OT	Total cost of Storms	
						Sand	Sand	Salt	Salt				

Newtown Business Advisory Committee

1. Summary of General Responsibilities: The Newtown Business Advisory Committee shall exist to provide recommendations and guidance to the Board of Selectmen on ways Newtown can improve its business climate. As such, the Committee may suggest revisions to policies and regulations with the objective being to retain and attract businesses to Newtown. Notwithstanding the above, the Committee is established pursuant to Section 2-115(e) of the Newtown Charter, and all actions thereof shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

2. Memberships and Terms:

VOTING MEMBERS: The Newtown Business Advisory Committee shall be representative of the town's business diversity and be comprised of not more than 9 members. No business sector shall be represented by more than 3 members and no individual business shall be represented by more than 1 member. All members must represent businesses located in the Town of Newtown.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Chairman or designee from Economic Development Commission, President or designee of Newtown Chamber of Commerce and Business Editor(s), or designee(s) from local newspaper(s).

All members shall be approved and serve at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

Meetings shall be held at least quarterly with periodic updates provided to the Board of Selectmen.

Subject to the provisions stated above, the Committee is empowered to appoint ad hoc committees to assist with special projects.