

Board of Selectmen  
October 15, 2018

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

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, October 15, 2018, in the Council Chamber, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** one member of the public and two members of the press.

**VOTER COMMENTS:** Joe Augustine, 11 Stonegate Drive, has spoken with Fred Hurley regarding chip sealing of roads and expressed concern with the process and whether or not the roads will sustain winter plowing. First Selectman Rosenthal said chip sealing is preventative maintenance that will extend the life of the road. Easton, Fairfield and Southbury have successfully chip sealed roads. Thirteen miles of roads were chip sealed for just under \$500,000; one mile of complete reconstruction costs \$470,000. This is not an experiment; it was stopped many years ago due to problems with the vendor and faulty work. The project roads will be evaluated after the winter. Mr. Augustine also asked about economic development. First Selectman Rosenthal said that people are receptive to economic development but recognizes there are boundaries. There is opportunity at Exit 9 as the town invested in sewers. The area is slated for growth and is considered the medical mile.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:** Selectman Crick Owen moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/01/18. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** none.

**FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT:** none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action:**

1. **Review of CIP regulation for possible referral to Board of Finance and Legislative Council for revision:** First Selectman Rosenthal stated that Mr. Tait wants to reach out to other towns to compare CIP regulations. Further discussion among the board included projects not being added following the Board of Selectmen approval without a super majority of eight affirmative votes at the Legislative Council. Additionally, timing relative to the amendment process, language relative to election years, the role of the Board of Finance and the number of years the CIP should be, were also discussed. First Selectman Rosenthal and Mr. Tait will aggregate the notes of the board once reviewing CIP regulations of other towns. This item will continue to be carried forward.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action:**

1. **2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) application resolution:**  
Selectman Crick Owen moved that the Board of Selectmen enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate and that Daniel C. Rosenthal, as First Selectman, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things, which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including but not limited to, executing

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and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

2. **Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies/Openings:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the re-appointment of Lisa Schwartz as the Poet Laureate for a term to expire 9/30/21. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.
3. **Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the extension of the driveway bond for Samaha, LLC, 62 Platts Hill Rd., M31, B3, Lots 24 & 29, for six months to expire May 15, 2019. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.
4. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the October 2018 Refunds, Refund 5, 2018/19 in the amount of \$10,220.62. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

**VOTER COMMENTS:** none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There has been a lot of interest in the bike and trail committee. Although not all that have expressed interest will be appointed, some may be considered for subcommittee work. Selectman Crick Owen is impressed the Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire and Rescue received a FEMA grant. This is very hard to do and requires a lot of work as it a nationwide grant and therefore very competitive.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business the regular Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sue Marcinek, Clerk*