THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Council Chamber of the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

PRESENT: First Selectman Llodra, Selectman William F.L. Rodgers, Selectman Herbert C. Rosenthal.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Planning & Land Use George Benson, Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers Chairman Margot Hall, two members of the public and two members of the press.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Selectman Rodgers moved to accept the minutes of 2/6/17 as presented. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Llodra shared a document on Uniform Chart of Accounts (att.). CCM, in partnership with CROG, has an on line salary survey. Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Legislative Council members can independently register to view municipal data and create data sets for comparative purposes. A spreadsheet showing how information is going to be processed leading to the budget referendum, per the new charter, was shared (att.). First Selectman Llodra updated the board on the winter storm breakdown saying a five year rolling average is figured when budgeting. First Selectman Llodra testified with the Labor Committee regarding prevailing wage. The mandates have not changed in twenty five years. She has no way of knowing how the Labor Committee will respond to the request of CCM and COST that the mandate, as well as others, be modified.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: none.

OLD BUSINESS:

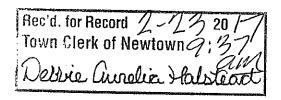
Discussion and possible action:

1. License use of former Hook & Ladder building: The First Selectman was notified in a letter dated Feb. 8, 2017 (att.) that equipment stored in the building is the property of the licensee. Selectman Rosenthal moved to authorize the First Selectman to grant permission to the owner and licensee to allow the equipment to remain for the balance of the term, provided it is insured. Selectman Rodgers seconded for discussion saying he the license has already been granted, this motion is confirming it. Selectman Rosenthal amended the motion to authorize the First Selectman to continue the license arrangement with the current licensee. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor of the motion as amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

- 1. Certified Resolution re: application to state for \$800,000 Small Cities Grant: Mr. Rosenthal moved to approve the Certified Resolution dated February 21, 2017(att.) to apply for Federal money under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program for Nunnawauk Meadows as presented in the Public Hearing in the amount of \$800,000 and to waive the reading of the entire resolution. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Edmond Town Hall use change, per zoning regulations: Mr. Benson has been working with the Board of Managers and Borough Zoning to generate additional rent for the Edmond Town Hall. Currently the rental is not exactly defined but is more for community cultural events and non-profit driven, which does



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not generate rental revenue. The Edmond Town Hall lost revenue when the town offices relocated to Fairfield Hills. Mr. Benson would like to open the space to professional offices, not retail. The building is town owned therefore the Board of Selectmen needs to make the request to the Borough. Mr. Rosenthal supports professional offices. Selectman Rodgers supports a use change and doesn't have an issue with professional use. First Selectman Llodra will write a supporting document for Mr. Benson to bring to Borough Zoning, acting on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

ADD TO AGENDA: Selectman Rodgers moved to add to the agenda, for discussion and possible action, the donation of land from St. Johns Church. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

<u>Selectman Rodgers moved to add to the agenda, for discussion and possible action regarding Trump letter regarding hoaxers.</u> Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

- 3. License Agreement for driveway bond 18 Twist Hill Road: Mr. Benson explained that the Land Use Department is requesting a temporary license that will give legal driveway access to the property owners of 18 Twist Hill Road so that they can sell the property (att). Twist Hill is a road that was never finished and was not made a permanent cul de sac. This will give them the right to pass and repass. The seller and the buyer both understand this is temporary to provide support for the real estate closing. Selectman Rodgers moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a license agreement (att) relative to the property currently owned by Merrifield located on Twist Hill Road. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.
- 4. Appointments/Reappointments: The board discussed the two candidates applying for the alternate position on the Commission on Aging. Both are qualified, have skills, attributes and commitment to the elderly but there is only one position. Selectman Rosenthal moved to appoint Lereine Frampton (D) as an alternate member of the Commission on Aging with an expiration date of 1/6/19. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor. Selectman Rosenthal moved to recommend the appointment of Anne Peters (D) as an alternate member to the Board of Ethics. Selectman Rodgers seconded. This appointment will be made by the Board of Ethics as it exceeds 45 days open. All in favor. Graham Clifford met with the First Selectman relative to his interest in the Sustainable Energy Commission. He is a newly registered voter, is unaffiliated and is not comfortable, at this point, identifying with either party. However, First Selectman Llodra hopes the RTC and DTC get to know him as he has a lot to offer. Selectman Rosenthal moved to appoint Graham Matthew Clifford (U) to the Sustainable Energy Commission for a term to expire 1/6/20. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor. There was discussion on the change in the Charter and how that effects the Library Board of Trustees. There are many questions that need to be addressed with the chairman and/or town counsel. At this point we will advertise for one position, open to any registered party.
- 5. Driveway Bond Release/Extension: none.
- 6. Tax Refunds: Selectman Rosenthal moved the February 2017 Refunds, refund #11, in the amount of \$27,854.83. Selectman Rodgers seconded. All in favor.
- 7. Donation of Land Rock of Angels: First Selectman Llodra consulted with the interfaith council and the Permenant Memorial Commission. The Permanent Memorial Commission voted 7-1 in favor of not accepting the memorial. The town is committed to having one permanent memorial; the families of loss were not engaged in discussion, nor was the town. First Selectman Llodra would like to respond to the bishop saying all possibilities have been explored and there is not a pathway forward to accept the donation. The name of the artisan from Maine will be offered; perhaps they would like it returned to them.
- 8. Trump letter: Selectman Rodgers assumed the draft letter was shared with the families. On one hand this truly is a community issue, however, any push back by the hoaxers is likely to fall on the families. Giving the hoaxers a response keeps a painful subject open. Some of the points that came

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out during various board level discussions are relative and he wonders if we would achieved the desired goal by sending the letter. If Sandy Hook constituent groups, to include families and all board members, are not of one mind it may hurt the effectiveness of the message. Selectman Rosenthal has only heard from people who encouraged sending the letter, feeling the town should stand up to hoaxers. He respects the families first and foremost. First Selectman Llodra does not question the intent of the author but this was vetted without consulting the families. First Selectman Llodra thinks that if individual members of the boards want to sign the letter, as a member of a board, they have the right to do that. Selectman Rodgers agrees. The Board of Finance and the Legislative Council voted not to send the letter. The Board of Education voted in favor of sending it. Selectman Rosenthal suggested putting this off until the next meeting to give him time to talk to the people who have approached him.

VOTER COMMENTS: Lereine Frampton, 6 Pebble Rd., said that she has heard from people who are upset the Trump letter hasn't gone out. President Trump talks a lot about fake news. What if he believes the hoaxers?

EXECUTIVE SESSION: First Selectman Llodra moved to go into Executive Session for Litigation: civil action USA v. Katrina Anderson, Deutsche Bank National Trust Co., Town of Newtown, CT. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor. Executive session was entered into at 9:07pm and returned to regular session with the following motion:

Selectman Rodgers moved to authorize town defense in the matter of USA v. Katrina Anderson, Deutsche Bank National Trust Co., Town of Newtown, CT. Selectman Rosenthal seconded. All in favor.

ANNOUCEMENTS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Marcinek, Clerk

Attachments: Uniform Chart of Accounts; TON special appropriation process & time line; legal opinion on license agreement; LRM letter; Certified Resolution; 12/16/17 memo re: 18 Twist Hill Rd., License Agreement;

Municipal Financial Services

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A well-designed chart of accounts is a fundamental of any financial accounting system. In addition to organizing financial activities and transactions, it also offers a consistent classification structure for accounting and financial reporting. The chart of accounts should be viewed as part of a complete financial information system that links the operations of various departments, agencies and offices. The Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA) developed by the State of Connecticut for its municipalities and school districts. was developed after working extensively with municipal and school district officials for a chart of accounts that met their needs and that could be used uniformly across all municipalities and local boards of education.

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State Law requires municipalities and school districts to annually file reports with OPM and SDE, respectively, prepared in accordance with the UCOA; Presently, there is no requirement for municipalities or school districts to replace their current chart of accounts with the UCOA. AND THE RESERVE OF AND PROPERTY OF A DESCRIPTION OF A DES

In addition to the UCOA, the Office of Policy and Management has developed an Accounting Manual for municipalities to assist municipalities in understanding the UCOA; including reporting in accordance with the UCOA. The accounting manual also includes information that can assist municipalities on implementing the UCOA into their financial accounting systems.

Click below to download the UCOA and/or the UCOA User Manual for Municipalities:

Uniform Chart-of Accounts (UCOA)

UCOA User Manual for Municipalities

Gonversion to the UCOA

Municipalities and school districts are strongly encouraged to adopt the UCOA when they are undergoing a financial accounting system conversion, or if they determine their current chart of accounts is not accommodating their needs. In addition, municipalities should work with their educational counterpart to convert to the UCOA, where applicable and practicable and especially if each organization is using the same accounting system. The State considers "Conversion" to the UCOA to mean use of the UCOA segments to at a minimum, the Object level within the local accounting system.

Mapping versus Converting

In order to facilitate reporting by municipalities and school districts in accordance with the UCOA without requiring municipalities and school districts to implement the UCOA into their local accounting systems, the State of Connecticut is using a mapping approach. It must be emphasized that Mapping and Converting are not the same.

Mapping: Mapping is simply a mechanism to achieve reporting. Mapping involves creating a crosswalk (or map) between a local chart of accounts, on a segment by segment basis, to the UCOA within a cloud-based electronic platform. An electronic file (i.e., a trial balance file) may then be sent to the cloud-based platform, which is then compared against the map, and the local account balances and amounts are crosswalked to their corresponding UCOA accounts, allowing for uniform reporting. Through mapping, the local accounting system remains unchanged.

The mapping conducted to date was not intended to be and is not a one-for-one mapping from each and every account that exists in the local chart of accounts to its UCOA counterpart.

Converting: Converting means implementing the UCOA into the underlying financial accounting system of the municipality and/or school district. The classification structure of the newly adopted UCOA would be

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Conversion is adopting the UCOA in the underlying local accounting system either by:

- a. Changing from one accounting system to another system, and in doing so using the UCOA as the
- system's chart of accounts; or b. Replacing the chart of accounts currently being used by a municipality or school district in its local accounting system with the UCOA structure. · 我们就是我们的一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的,我们就是一个人的人的,我们就是一个人的人的,我们就是一个人的人的人,也不是一个人的人的人,也不是

Rudimentary Accounting Systems Some municipalities and school districts use unsophisticated, "checkbook" style accounting systems that do not have and cannot accommodate multiple segments. These accounting systems cannot accommodate the UCOA, and their account structure cannot be mapped to the UCOA using the Mapping method. As a result, these municipalities and school districts must use manual data entry forms to complete annual reporting to the State in accordance with the UCOA. These municipalities and school districts may consider options to convert to a new accounting system that will accommodate the UCOA. Options could include moving to an inexpensive cloud-based system, or a group of municipalities and/or school districts may work together to achieve volume pricing for a cloud-based on hosted solution. The state has made grants available to municipalities and school districts for converting to an accounting system that may accommodate the UCOA and using the UCOA as their charts of accounts. Children de la company de la c

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Please Reply To Danbury E-Mail: dgrogins@cohenandwolf.com

February 2, 2017

<u>Via Email</u>

Ms. Patricia Llodra Newtown Municipal Center 3 Primrose Street Newtown, CT 06470

Re: LRM License

Dear Pat:

You have requested my opinion on the question of a potential violation of the License Agreement between the Town of Newtown ("Town") and LRM, Inc. ("LRM"). The relevant facts are that a Newtown resident has become aware and so reported to you that there appears to be two boats and a jet ski being stored in the former Hook and Ladder Volunteer Fire Department Building ("Hook and Ladder Building"). The claim is that none of these pieces of equipment appear to be the property of LRM, and in any event, do not appear to be equipment used in the licensee's business. It is alleged that this situation results in a breach of the aforesaid license.

The license is for the storage of "equipment", however, there is nothing contained therein which defines the term "equipment". While a reasonable presumption can be inferred that equipment means equipment of the licensee, this is also not explicitly stated. On the other hand, there is no evidence that the licensee does not own the equipment.

Given the fact that the license expires in less than three months, it is my recommendation that the Town determine the ownership of the equipment, and if it is owned by the principal of the licensee, I recommend that the Board of Selectmen authorize you to grant permission to the owner and licensee to allow the equipment to remain for the balance of the term, provided it is insured.

Very truly yours,

David L. Grogins

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February 8, 2017

Town of Newtown Office of the First Selectman 3 Primrose Street Newtown, CT 06470

RE: 45 Main Street Newtown, CT

To whom it may concern;

Please accept this letter as written confirmation of LRM, Inc's compliance with the short term (6 month) license LRM, Inc. was granted by the Town of Newtown for use of the building at 45 Main Street.

The equipment stored in the building is property of LRM, Inc. and/or its owner, Robert E. Manna, Jr.

Sincerely,

LRM, Inc.

Robert E. Manna, Jr., President

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF APPLICANT

SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

Certified a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Newtown at a meeting of its Board of Selectmen on February 21, 2017 and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

| Debbie A. Halstead | February 22, 2017 | |
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WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 – 3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHERAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Newtown make application to the State for \$800,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN:

- 1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
- 2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Newtown in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman of the Town of Newtown is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, to carry out approved activities and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Newtown.



George Benson
Director of Planning

MEMORANDUM

Date: 2/16/17

To: E. Patricia Llodra, First Selectman

From: George Benson, Director of Planning

Re: 18 Twist Hill Road Driveway License

The Land Use Agency is requesting that the Board of Selectmen approve the attached License that will give legal driveway access to the property owners of 18 Twist Hill Road. The attached maps detail the current status of the property. The owner of the property needs this temporary license in order to sell his property.

The Land Use Agency is working on a permanent solution involving a road closure and lot line revision to correct the situation.

License Agreement

This Agreement made this ____th day of February, 2017 by and between the Town of Newtown, a Connecticut municipal corporation with its office and place of business at 3 Primrose Street in the Town of Newtown, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, hereinafter referred to as the "Town" and Charles Robert Merrifield III and Erin Merrifield, both of 18 Twist Hill Lane, in the Town of Newtown, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, hereinafter referred to as "Merrifield";

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, Merrifield is the owner of certain premises located on Twist Hill Lane in the Town of Newtown, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, being shown and designated as Lot # 1 on a certain map entitled Map Showing Subdivision of Parcel B Twist Hill Lane and Twist Hill Road, Newtown, Connecticut, Prepared for Sunapee-Springfield Land Corporation, January 14, 1994, Scale 1" = 401" Revised to March 29, 1994, prepared by Spath-Bjorklund Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers & Surveyors, Monroe, Connecticut, and on file in the Office of the Newtown Town Clerk as Map No. 6593. Which map is on file in the Office of the Newtown Town Clerk in Map No. 6593, hereinafter referred to as the "Merrifield Lot" and

Whereas, the Merrifield Lot abuts an unimproved portion of Town highway known as Twist Hill Lane; and

Whereas, Merrifield has requested that the Town of Newtown grant a revocable license to Merrifield to permit the maintenance, repair and use by Merrifield and their heirs, successors and assigns, of a driveway within the right of way of the unimproved portion of said Twist Hill Lane. Said license agreement will terminate upon abandonment of the land by the town and/or the approval of the land swap granting the driveway portion to the Merrifield's from the Town of Newtown; and

Whereas, the Town is willing to grant a Revocable License to Merrifield to permit Merrifield to permit the maintenance, repair and use by Merrifield and their heirs, successors and assigns, of a paved driveway within the right of way of the unimproved portion of said Twist Hill Lane, pursuant to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth;

Now Therefore, in consideration of the agreements and mutual understandings herein contained, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. The Town of Newtown hereby grants to Charles Robert Merrifield III and Erin Merrifield, and their heirs, successors and assigns, a Revocable License and Permit to maintain, repair and use a driveway from the cul de sac at the end of what is labelled "Existing Gravel Road" on the above referenced map within the right of way of the unimproved portion of said Twist Hill Lane for the purpose of access to the Merrifield Lot from Twist Hill Lane.

- 2. It is agreed that said driveway shall be maintained, repaired, and replaced, including the removal of snow and ice, at the sole cost and expense of Merrifield and their heirs, successors, and assigns, and that said maintenance, repair and replacement shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works of the Town of Newtown.
- 3. Charles Robert Merrifield, III and Erin Merrifield, for themselves and their heirs, successors and assigns, hereby covenant and agree to indemnify and hold the Town of Newtown harmless from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, and damages resulting in any manner, both direct and indirect, from the construction, maintenance, repair, and replacement of said driveway, including the removal of snow and ice, within the unimproved portion of the right of way on Twist Hill Lane.
- 4. It is further agreed that this License may be only be revoked by the Board of Selectman of the Town of Newtown in the event that the unimproved portion of Twist Hill Lane wherein said driveway is located is improved as a public highway.
- 5. It is understood and agreed that this License is not an exclusive license and that the Town of Newtown reserves the right to grant the right to use said driveway to any other landowner or landowners, whose property abuts or otherwise requires access from the unimproved portion of Twist Hill Lane, provided that any other landowner to whom said right is granted to pay an equal share of the cost of maintenance, repair and replacement, including equal share of the cost of snow and ice removal, of said driveway.
- 6. The terms of this License Agreement shall run with the land.

| In Witness Whereof, | the parties | have | hereunto | set | their | hands | and | seals | this | day | of |
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| appeared Charles Robert Merrifield, III | e, 2017, before me, Joseph J. Romanello, Jr., personally and Erin Merrifield, known to me, satisfactorily proven, nes are described in the foregoing instrument, and ne for the purposes therein contained. |
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Joseph J. Romanello, Jr.
Commissioner of the Superior Court