

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

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, March 16, 2020, in the Council Chamber of 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.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Selectman Crick Owen moved to accept the meeting minutes of 3/2/20. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Rosenthal updated the board on the Coronavirus saying the Town is taking appropriate steps. The Senior Center and the Community Center are closed. The Municipal Center is locked, departments are available by appointment only. Boards and Commissions are not meeting unless there is business to tend to and will also have a teleconference available. The Town Attorney will look at the Governors executive order on the referendum. If the primary date is moved the referendum will be moved as well. Currently, we are waiting on directive from the Secretary of the State. First Selectman Rosenthal made an emergency declaration today, to be consistent with what is taking place elsewhere; he is confident the Governors declaration expands the powers of the Chief Elected Official. Measures are being taken to limit officer exposure. Revenue loss at the Edmond Town Hall may need to be addressed. Purchasing is tracking emergency purchases. Public Works installed plexiglass barriers in offices with counters. First Selectman Rosenthal is creating a policy around sick time relative to this virus. He has lifted zoning restrictions on signage for businesses and also lifted the plastic bag ban for 30 days. Tax to the state cannot be waived. At this point there is not an issue with the Police project but there may be supply disruptions at some point. They have made a tremendous amount of process; First Selectman Rosenthal said he would set up a tour for the selectmen once the virus clears.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: none.

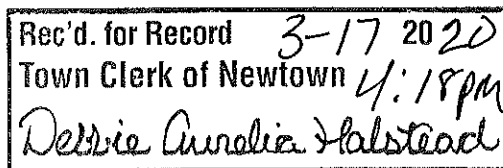
NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

1. State of Connecticut Acquisition of Town Owned Property at 12 Berkshire Rd. and 117 Wasserman Way for Exit 11 Improvements: The selectman reviewed the maps. Selectman Capeci thinks the improvements in that area far outweigh the value of the property. First Selectman Rosenthal has no objection; the Charter is being followed. The Pootatuck Club is requesting the state agree to clean Wasserman Way drains with frequency; the First Selectman will pursue that. Selectman Crick Owen moved, pursuant to 8-10 (5) (d) (1) that the Town of Newtown sell to the State of Connecticut property at 12 Berkshire Road and 117 Wasserman Way for Exit 11 Improvements per the maps provided and authorize the First Selectman to sign any and all documents. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

2. Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies/Openings: Selectman Crick Owen moved to appoint Elizabeth Litt (D) to the C.H. Booth Library Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy to expire on 07/01/21 and Edmund Breitling (R) as a Constable with a term to expire 01/06/22 and to re-appoint Andrew Buzzi (R) as a Constable for a term to expire 01/06/22. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

3. Driveway Bond Release/Extension: none.



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4. Tax Refunds: Selectman Crick Owen moved the March 216 2020 Tax Refund #14, 2019/20 in the amount of \$6,382.11. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the regular Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Marcinek, Clerk

