

Board of Selectmen
July 20, 2020

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

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, July 20 2020. The meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19 mandates and precautions. First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:33p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Robert Tait, Chief James Viadero and one members of the press.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Selectman Crick Owen moved to accept the regular meeting minutes 7/6/20. Selectman Capeci seconded. First Selectman Rosenthal noted the introduction to the 7/6/20 meeting included a Public Hearing; there was no public hearing on 7/6/20. All in favor of the minutes as amended.

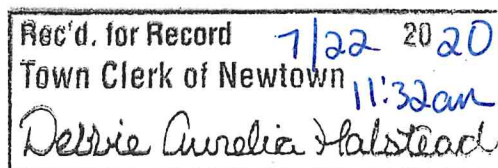
COMMUNICATIONS: The Police project continues to go well, sidewalks are being poured, walls are up and painted, the bathrooms tiled and the sally port is being sided. The project is ahead of schedule and on budget. Hook & Ladder was appreciative of the resolution passed by the Board of Selectmen relative to solar on the building. They voted to move the project forward. First Selectman Rosenthal informed the board a grant through Farmland Trust had been approved for Castle Hill Farm. Things are going well with the re-opening of the Municipal Center. Selectman Crick Owen thanked Chief Viadero and the Police Commission for participating in the diversity discussions and noted the Board of Education also participated in a later discussion. The next discussion, on Aug. 6, will include Land Use and Planning & Zoning; the discussion will be about housing. First Selectman Rosenthal stated he has concerns about the qualified immunity piece of the police reform bill. He also noted there is no mention of union reform; superiors are in the same union as subordinates which creates a special challenge as far as discipline. First Selectman Rosenthal also talked about the removal of federally funded military equipment, saying that requests will come through the budget to replace necessary items. He suggests a list of approved items and a waiver application for anything not on the list. Selectman Capeci asked if our delegation is aware of these concerns. First Selectman Rosenthal held a remote meeting with the Town representatives last week and needs to follow up with one member who had not yet had an opportunity to read the entire bill. First Selectman Rosenthal has reinitiated discussions with the Legislative Council relative to putting a question on the November ballot relative to housing at Fairfield Hills. There will be a public meeting prior, to be held either remotely or in person.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Tait reported on tax collections. Current collections are at \$16.3 million; he is expecting a large escrow payment this week and is cautiously optimistic. Expected collections by end of July is \$54 million. Mailings encouraged residents to pay online or mail in payments. Last year online payments were 4%, this year 8%; last year counter transactions were 55%, this year 37%; mail in last year was 40%, this year 54%.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

1. Police Union Contract: First Selectman Rosenthal appreciates the efforts of the police union in coming to an agreement informally. The contract has been extended from three years to four years. Increases run 2.25%, 2%, 2.25% and 2.25% with insurance at 15%, 15%, 16%, and 16%. There was a modification to sick time. Compensatory time is related to the field training officer working with a recruit. The officer acts as a supervisor with added duties. Overtime is used to fill in for vacation and vacancies as well as construction jobs. Chief Viadero reported there has been a very low response to the current vacancy; the posting has been opened to certified officers. Due to COVID it is unknown when there will be an academy class. Selectman Crick Owen moved to approve the agreement between the Town of Newtown and Newtown Police Union.



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Nutmeg Independent Public Safety Employees Union (NIPSEU), July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024.
Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

2. Acceptance of Grant Award – Affordable Housing Plan Grant Technical Assistance Program: A requirement of this grant was prior Legislative Council action, which was done last month. The state has done well creating housing opportunity for people with 50% average monthly income, but not as well with the 50% and under. 8-30g begets very large developments, which end up being litigated. The Town of Newtown P&Z enacted an incentive housing zone. There have been positive outcomes from voluntary local action. The grant will likely be spent on preparing a plan to engage the community, solicit community input, consulting and presentation work. Selectman Crick Owen moved to approve the acceptance of the grant award Affordable Housing Plan Grant Technical Assistance Program in the amount of \$6,500 and authorize the First Selectman to execute the document. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

3. Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies/Opening: Selectman Crick Owen moved to appointments as reflected on the (attached) document dated July 20, 2020. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

3. Driveway Bond Release/Extension: Selectman Crick Owen moved to grant a six month driveway bond extension for Ardian Llomi, 56 Pole Bridge Road, M44, B8, L6; the new expiration date will be 2/27/21. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

4. Tax Refunds: none.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There is a tentative agreement with the Parks & Recreation union. They are awaiting language from the union reps; there is no issue, but not ready to bring forward yet. Selectman Capeci reported he had no email correspondence relative to a recent FOI request.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the regular Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 8:28p.m.

Att: Grant Award; Appointments/Reappointments and LLA letter dated 7/2/20;

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Marcinek, Clerk



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD
Affordable Housing Plan Grant Technical Assistance Program

The State of Connecticut, acting herein by the Department of Housing, hereby makes the following grant award in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes ("CGS") § 8-30j, as amended, the grant solicitation, and the attached grant application, if applicable.

Grantee	<u>Town of Newtown</u>
Address	<u>3 Primrose Street</u>
City/State/Zip	<u>Newtown, CT 06470</u>
Town Code	<u>097</u>
Federal Employer ID No.	<u>06-6002048</u>
State Agency Code	<u>DOH46900</u>

DOH Grant No.	<u>AHPG: 2020-097-041</u>		
Date Of Award	<u>July 1, 2020</u>		
Period Of Award	<u>From: July 1, 2020</u>	<u>To: June 30, 2021</u>	
Amount Of Award	<u>State: \$ 6,500</u>	Grantee Match: \$ <u>0</u>	Other: <u>Town Admin. \$ 1,300</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$ 7,800</u>		
Grantee Fiscal Year	<u>From: July 1</u>	<u>To: June 30</u>	

My signature below, for and on behalf of the above named grantee, indicates acceptance of the above referenced award and further certifies that:

1. I have the authority to execute this agreement on behalf of the grantee; and
2. The grantee will comply with all the requirements of the original Notice of Grant Award.

BY: _____

Signature of Authorized Official

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Official

_____ Date

FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

BY: _____

Signature of Authorized Official

Seila Mosquera-Bruno

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Official

_____ Date

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DEPT	PROG	FUND	SID	ACCOUNT	PROJECT	CHART 1/2	BR
OH46900		12039	40233		DOH	n/a	n/a

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(Per Town Charter 6-35(b), 6-40 & 7-25)**

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT: Affordable Housing Plan Grant Technical Assistance Program

PROPOSED APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$ 7,800

PROPOSED FUNDING:

BONDING	
GRANT	\$ 6,500
OTHER	\$ 1,300
	<u>\$ 7,800</u>

ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (GENERAL FUND):

List any financial impact your request will have on the Town's annual operating budget.
Attach spreadsheet(s) showing your calculation of the estimated impact.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:	**FOR BRACKETS USE NEGATIVE SIGN BEFORE NUMBER**	(POSITIVE IMPACT) / NEGATIVE IMPACT	Attachment #
SALARIES & BENEFITS		***	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
CONTRACTED SERVICES			
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE			
UTILITIES			
OTHER			
DEBT SERVICE (1st year)			
TOTAL IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ -</u>	

REVENUE CATEGORY:	POSITIVE IMPACT / (NEGATIVE IMPACT)	Attachment #
PROPERTY TAXES		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES (FEES)		
OTHER		
TOTAL IMPACT ON REVENUES	<u>\$ -</u>	

TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET \$ -

EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT

(using current year's information)

0.0000 mills

COMMENTS:

NO FINANCIAL IMPACT. OTHER FUNDING AMOUNT REPRESENTS TOWN ADMINISTRATION COSTS THAT ARE ALREADY BUDGETED FOR.

Affordable Housing Plan Technical Assistance Grant

The State of Connecticut Department of Housing ("**DOH**") invites applications for planning grant funds from small municipalities (populations below 50,000) seeking to prepare and adopt an Affordable Housing Plan under the provisions of § 8-30j of the Connecticut General Statutes ("**CGS**"). This grant opportunity is intended to enable eligible municipalities to undertake a proactive planning process and lay out a strategy for meeting the housing needs of existing and future residents and workers. Addressing Connecticut's housing affordability crisis with thoughtful planning for homes that meet the needs of individuals and families at different income levels and stages of life is an economic imperative for our state and critical to sustaining thriving local communities.

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APPOINTMENT

Board of Ethics, alt.

(U) Brian Mauriello, 8 Cobbler's Mill Road, SH to fill vacancy to expire 01/06/23

Constable

(U) Edwin Santamaria, 55-A Scudder Road to fill a vacancy to expire 01/06/22

Pension

(R) Joseph Eppers, 31 Russett Road, SH to fill vacancy to expire 01/06/21

Western CT Conventin and Visitors Bureau

Christal Preszler, Deputy Director for Economic & Community Development
to fill vacancy to expire 11/08/22

Lake Lillinonah Officers and Assistants

*see attached

RE-APPOINTMENT

Fairfield Hills Authority

(D) Michael Holmes, 16 Glover Ave. 7/31/20 – 7/31/23

ALTERNATE TO FULL BOARD

Design Advisory Board

(U) Agni Pavlidou-Kyprianou move from alt. to full board with expiration date of 11/01/20

Bridgewater
Brookfield
New Milford



Lake Lillinonah Authority
PO Box 568, Brookfield, CT 06804

Newtown
Roxbury
Southbury

July 2, 2020

First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Town of Newtown
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Dear First Selectman Rosenthal:

Listed below are the "*revised*" Officers and Assistants that have been approved to enforce boating and safety, littering, and trespass regulations in the towns surrounding Lake Lillinonah.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Post #</u>	<u>LLA Hire</u>
John Puglisi	3497	1990
Kevin Brooks	3483	1991
Chris Rosado	12554	2007
Sean Flynn	12226	2015
Matthew Donadio	3486	2015
Arron D. Blank	11184	2015
Tom Robbins	17027	2017
Lawrence Ash	1348	2020
Jason DeSousa	18035	2019
Terence Hawaux	15818	2019
Robert Guilbeault	14376	2019

<u>Assistants</u>	<u>LLA Hire</u>
Charles Weeks	2015
Stephen Lyons	2016
James Pacific (Danbury PD-retired)	2019
Russell Wininger Jr.	2018
Don Hutchins	2019
Tom Steck (New Britain PD-retired)	2020
Dillon Ash	2020
Tom Bennett (CSP retired)	2020

Sincerely,

Shannon Young
LLA Chairman

