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

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, August 17, 2020. The meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19 mandates and precautions. 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:** Finance Director Robert Tait and one members of the press.

**VOTER COMMENTS:** none.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Selectman Crick Owen moved to accept the regular meeting minutes 8/3/20. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Police project continues to make progress. The lobby is tiled and the carpet is in. There will be a walk through on Aug. 20 at 3:30pm.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: none.

ADD TO THE AGENDA: Selectman Capeci moved to add, for discussion, the storm response, especially to the 55 and older living communities and requirements for safety and security lights during extended electrical power outages. Selectman Crick Owen seconded. All in favor. The Board of Selectmen and the Office of the First Selectman received emails and calls from various constituents. First Selectman Rosenthal spoke with Newtown Woods residents and the HOA president. The emergency lights, by code, are designed more for emergency evacuation, as in case of a fire, and not designed to last for extended power outages. Back-up generators are not mandated by state statute. Regency and Newtown Woods were the two communities without power for an extended period of time. The town liaisons through Eversource could not get information; it was very difficult. First Selectman Rosenthal noted that 55 year and older communities are not considered priorities as far as Eversource is concerned. Eversource works off the state list. The critical care facilities include the police station, fire houses, schools, Newtown Rehab and the schools used as shelters. Eversource will review their list beyond those critical facilities. First Selectman Rosenthal suggested to the HOA they prepare a safety plan to share with the residents. He also spoke to the attorney through Toll Brothers asking them to consider making safety improvements which would involve generators. People posted concern on social media about neighbors. Social media does not replace 911. Police can be called for a welfare check.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## Discussion and possible action:

1. 2019-2020 Year End Transfers and Re-appropriations: Mr. Tait presented the year end transfers and reappropriations. The report begins with interdepartmental transfers. Page four includes other accounts with balances that go into the Capital & Non-recurring Transfer Out account. The fund balance is now over 12%. Using capital & non-recurring helps reduce need for bonding. The transfer includes \$60,000 for Council Chamber video/network and furniture upgrade, \$13,000 for the Sandy Hook streetscape sidewalk maintenance and \$530,000 to offset bonding in the CIP as well as offset 8/4/20 storm costs. There was further discussion on the need for updated technology in the Council Chamber. The streetscape brick pavers need to be sealed. Relative to the storm there was overtime expense and debris pick up will begin soon. Rob Sibley is tracking from a FEMA stand point. The re-appropriation requests include money for the delayed primary and any extra costs related to COVID relating to that primary. Police de-escalation training was postponed due to COVID; the money will be brought forward into next year. The Legislative Council approved a code update, which will be done next month. There was money left in dues, education and travel because of COVID restrictions. Auditors said most towns had monies left in budgets because of COVID. First Selectman Rosenthal said having the fund balance grow organically is good. This has immediate benefit to the taxpayer. Using capital & non-recurring can reduce reliance on debt and can be used to try to lessen the impact on the operating budget year over year. Selectman

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Crick Owen moved to approve the 2019-2020 year end transfers and re-appropriations as presented to include language to offset bonding in the CIP to in include language to address costs related to the August 4, 2020 storm (att.). Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

- 2. Authorization for First Selectman to pursue Town's interests in PURA investigation of Eversource related to August 4, 2020 tropical storm: Selectman Crick Owen moved to authorize the First Selectman to pursue the Town's interest in the PURA investigation of Eversource related to the August 4, 2020 tropical storm. Selectman Capeci seconded. First Selectman Rosenthal reviewed the lack of communication and the lack of crews in response to the storm. Newtown and Ridgefield had the highest number of outages in the state, just behind Danbury. First Selectman Rosenthal believes that, based on the consensus of forecast, Eversource should be mandated to bring in reinforcements under their mutual aid agreements, so there are crews on the ground immediately following the storm. There were 60 blocked roads a whole day after the storm. DPW cannot touch trees on wires. If there had been crews in town roads could've been opened sooner. There was restoration with roads still blocked because there was not an immediate storm response. Their present model of waiting puts us three days in without reinforcements and week-long outages. This effects the states competitiveness from a business standpoint and the ability to live here. The PURA investigation will go forward. The Legislative Council will also discuss this topic. Cohen and Wolf will file a brief for Newtown and Ridgefield and possibly more towns. The legal fees will be split between the towns. First Selectman Rosenthal hopes for fines and a mandate on how Eversource is to operate going forward relative to having a presence before a storm, not after. He expects to testify in front of PURA. Selectmen Crick Owen and Capeci expressed agreement with First Selectman Rosenthal and all voiced appreciation for the front line workers. All in favor.
- 3. Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies/Openings: Selectman Crick Owen moved the re-appointment of Renata Adler to the Fairfield Hills Authority for a term to expire 7/31/23 and the appointment of George Daniels, III as an alternate to the Design Advisory Board for a term to expire 11/01/20. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.
- **4. Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** First Selectman Rosenthal moved the release of the driveway bond for Lakeview Development Corp., Lakeview Terrace, M51, B6, L254 in the amount of \$1,000. Selectman Crick Owen seconded. All in favor.
- **5.** Tax Refunds: Selectman Crick Owen moved the Aug. 3, 2020, Refund #1, 2020/21 in the amount of \$2,496.93. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

## **VOTER COMMENTS:** none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Legislative Council member Andy Clure thinks it is worthwhile to send a letter to PURA objecting, on behalf of the Town residents, the significant rate increase on electric bills. Chairman Paul Lundquist and Fist Selectman Rosenthal will co-sign a letter to PURA expressing concern with the rate increase and the impact it has on the residents. Selectman Capeci asked that he and Selectman Crick Owen be able to review the draft language in case they have useful ideas to include. Selectman Crick Owen asked about the last diversity discussion that was rescheduled due to the storm. First Selectman Rosenthal reported the next discussion will take place on August 18 at 4:30pm, and will include George Benson, Kim Chiappetta, Don Mitchell, Chairman of P&Z and the First Selectman.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the regular Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Att.: 2019-2020 Year End Budget Transfer Request & Various Dept. Transfers

Respectfully submitted, Sue Marcinek, Clerk

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101-12-320-0000-5290   Other Employee Benefits   3,200     101-12-320-0000-5420   Energy - Electricity   8,000     101-12-320-0000-5432   Hydrants   13,750     101-12-320-0000-5430   Repair & Maintenance Services   101-12-320-0000-5430   Repair & Maintenance Services   101-12-320-0000-5430   Repair & Maintenance Services   101-12-320-0000-5520   Insurance   101-12-320-0000-5530   Dues, Travel & Education   101-12-320-0000-5580   Dues, Travel & Education   101-12-320-0000-5580   Dues, Travel & Education   Energia	Departm	ent	Account	Number	Accoun	t Name			l	
101-12-320-0000-5522   Energy - Electricity   8,000     101-12-320-0000-5749   Capital   13,750     101-12-320-0000-5742   Repair & Maintenance Services   101-12-320-0000-5430   Repair & Maintenance Services   101-12-320-0000-5430   Insurance   101-12-320-0000-5520   Insurance   101-12-320-0000-5745   Fire Equipment   101-	Fire		101-12-320-00	00-5290	Other Employe	e Benefits		.1		
101-12-320-0000-5412	Fire		101-12-320-00	00-5622	Energy - Electric	city		8,000		
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101-12-320-0000-5580	Fire		101-12-320-00	00-5520	Insurance				15.000	
101-12-320-0000-5745   Fire Equipment   24,950	Fire		101-12-320-00	00-5580	Dues, Travel & I	Education			500	
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Depa	Department	Account Number	Account Name	t Name	From	인	
PW - 1	PW - Highway	101-13-500-0000-5130	Salaries & Wages - Overtime	ss - Overtime	000'9		
PW - I	PW - Highway	101-13-500-0000-5220	Social Security Contributions	Contributions	14,000		
PW - F	PW - Highway	101-13-500-0000-5430	Repair & Maintenance Services	enance Services	45,000		
PW - ⊦	PW - Highway	101-13-500-0000-5110	Salaries & Wages - Regular	ss - Regular		21,500	
1 - Wd	PW - Highway	101-13-500-0000-5290	Other Employee Benefits	Benefits		200	
PW - F	PW - Highway	101-13-500-0000-5505	Contractual Services	vices		13,500	
4 - W	PW - Highway	101-13-500-0000-5625	Energy - Gasoline	91		21,000	
PW - h	PW - Highway	101-13-500-0000-5651	Street Signs			1,000	
1 - Wd	PW - Highway	101-13-500-0000-5749	Capital			7,500	
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PW - Transfer Station	Station	101-13-515-0000-5110	Salaries & Wages - Regular	s - Regular	8,000		
PW - Transfer Station	Station	101-13-515-0000-5220	Social Security Contributions	Contributions	2,800		
PW - Transfer Station	Station	101-13-515-0000-5130	Salaries & Wages - Overtime	s - Overtime		8,300	
PW - Transfer Station	Station	101-13-515-0000-5210	Group Insurance	d1		1,000	
PW - Transfer Station	Station	101-13-515-5622-0000	Energy - Electricity	ity		700	
PW - Transfer Station	Station	101-13-515-0000-5749	Capital			800	
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PW - Building Maintenance		101-13-650-0000-5624	0-5624	Energy - Oil		21,500		
PW - Building Maintenance		101-13-650-0000-5411	00-5411	Water/Sewerage			5.000	
PW - Building Maintenance		101-13-650-0000-5430	00-5430	Repair & Maintenance Services	Services		1.500	
PW - Building Maintenance		101-13-650-0000-5615	0-5615	General Maintenance Supplies	Supplies		15,000	
						21,500	21,500	
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Department		Account Number	Number	Account Name	o)	From	To	
Parks & Recreation		101-16-550-0000-5115	0-5115	Salaries & Wages - Part Time	t Time	8,000		
Parks & Recreation		101-16-550-0010-5117	10-5117	Wages - Seasonal - Life Guards	e Guards		7.000	
Parks & Recreation		101-16-550-0013-5117	13-5117	Wages - Seasonal - Gate Attend	ite Attend.		1,000	
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Department		Account Number	Number	Account Name		From	To	
Library	15	101-14-670-0000-5230	0-5230	Retirement Contributions	suo	20		
Library	10	101-14-670-0000-5210	0-5210	Group Insurance			50	
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101-25-860-0000-5870   Capital & Non-recurring Transfer Out	Various Deg	artments	1		ttached				603,000		
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				Re-appropriated	
Department	Ħ	<b>Account Number</b>	Account Name	to 2020-21	
Registrars		101-11-180-0000-5360	Prof. Svs Elections	36,000	
EXPL	<b>EXPLANATION:</b>				
Prima	ary was de	Primary was delayed to 2020-21. This will als	This will also cover extra costs due to COVID		
Police		101-12-310-0000-5580	Dues, travel & education	8.500	
EXPL	<b>EXPLANATION:</b>				
De-es	scalation to	De-escalation training was delayed due to COVID	VVID restrictions		
Legislative Council		101-11-600-0000-5800	Other expenditures	9.245	
EXPL	<b>EXPLANATION:</b>				
A trar	insfer to thi	A transfer to this account for code update was recently approved by LC.	is recently approved by LC.		
Trans	saction will	Transaction will not accur till 2020-21.			
			TOTAL RE-APPROPRIATIONS	53,745	

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DEPARTMENT		A	CCO	UNT#		ACCOUNT NAME	TRANSFER
Selectmen	101	11	100	0000	5110	SALARIES - REGULAR	1,000
Selectmen		. L	I	1	1	PROF SVS - LEGAL	
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Selectmen - Other				1	f	POSTAGE	2,000
Selectmen - Other			1		1	ADVERTISING	2,000
Selectmen - Other		.1	1			MEETING CLERKS	9,000
Social Services					1	SALARIES - REGULAR	13,000
Social Services						SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	1,000
Social Services		.1	1		I	FEES & PROF SERVICE	4,000
Social Services		1			L	DUES, TRAVEL & EDUC	1,000
Tax Collector					1	SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	1,000
Registrars						DUES, TRAVEL & EDUC	1,000
Registrars						OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000
Tax Assessor		•			1	SALARIES - REGULAR	30,000
Tax Assessor						SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	3,000
Tax Assessor						PROF SVS - AUDIT	1,000
Tax Assessor						DUES, TRAVEL & EDUC	2,000
Finance						SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	2,000
Finance		1				OTHER EXPENDITURES	1,000
Technology						SALARIES - REGULAR	10,000
Technology						SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	1,000
Technology						SOFTWARE/HARDWARE M	25,000
Technology	101	11	205	0000	5580	DUES, TRAVEL & EDUC	9,000
Technology	101	11	205	0000	5611	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000
Technology	101	11	205	0000	5744	MACH & EQUIP - TECH	4,000
Probate Court	101	11	255	0000	5310	PROF SVS - OFFICIAL	2,000
Insurance	101	11	350	0000	5520	INSURANCE, OTHER TH	3,000
Insurance	101	11	350	0000	5800	OTHER EXPENDITURES	8,000
Economic Dev	101	11	740	0000	5301	FEES & PROF SERVICE	4,000
Communications	101	12	300	0000	5430	REPAIR & MAINTENANC	4,000
Communications	101	12	300	0000	5442	RENTAL OF EQIPMENT	30,000
Communications	101	12	300	0000	5501	OTHER PURCHASED SER	3,000
Communications	101	12	300	0000	5580	DUES, TRAVEL & EDUC	5,000
Police	101	12	310	0000	5110	SALARIES - REGULAR	8,000
Police						SALARIES - SEASONAL	7,000
Police						SALARIES - OVERTIME	17,000
Police						SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	16,000
Police						OTHER EMPL BENEFITS	14,000
Police						CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	4,000
Police						EQUIPMENT	15,000
Fire		11	1			RADIO & PAGER SERVI	8,000
Emergency Mgt						PROF SVS - OFFICIAL	2,000
Emergency Mgt						CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	1,000
Emergency Mgt						DUES, TRAVEL & EDUC	3,000
Animal Control						OTHER EMPL BENEFITS	1,000
Building Official						SALARIES - REGULAR	16,000
Building Official						SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	1,000
Building Official						OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000
Highway						STREET LIGHTS	2,000
Winter Maint.						SALARIES - OVERTIME	40,000

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Winter Maint.						SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	11,000
Winter Maint.	101					TREATED SALT	24,000
Transfer Sta.	101					OTHER EMPL BENEFITS	2,000
Transfer Sta.	101				5505	CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	3,000
Building Maint.	101					SALARIES - REGULAR	10,000
Building Maint.	101					SALARIES - OVERTIME	5,000
Building Maint.	101					ENERGY - ELECTRICIT	15,000
Building Maint.	101	1				CAPITAL OUTLAY	4,000
Senior Services	101					SALARIES - REGULAR	7,000
Senior Services	101	1 :				SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	2,000
Senior Services	101					DUES, TRAVEL & EDUC	1,000
Senior Services	101	i I				OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,000
Senior Services	101					OTHER EXPENDITURES	25,000
Land Use	101					SALARIES - REGULAR	14,000
Land Use	101	15	490	0000	5220	SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	1,000
Land Use	101				1	PROF SVS - LEGAL	15,000
Land Use	101					CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	1,000
Land Use	101			0000	5550	PRINTING,BINDING &	1,000
Parks & Recr.	101	1				SALARIES - OVERTIME	25,000
Parks & Recr.						SOCIAL SEC CONTRI	1,000
Parks & Recr.	101					OTHER EMPL BENEFITS	1,000
Parks & Recr.	101					CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	9,000
Parks & Recr.						DUES, TRAVEL & EDUC	5,000
Parks & Recr.						OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000
Parks & Recr.						GENERAL MAINTENANCE	1,000
Parks & Recr.						CAPITAL OUTLAY	20,000
Debt Service						BOND INTEREST	2,000
Contingency	101	24	570	0000	5899	CONTINGENCY	15,000
						TOTAL	603,000