

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

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Monday, December 20, 2021. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers at the Newtown Municipal Center. First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: First Selectman Daniel C. Rosenthal, Selectman Maureen Crick Owen and Selectman Ed Schierloh.

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Robert Tait and one member of the public.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: Selectman Crick Owen moved to accept the regular meeting minutes of December 6, 2021 and noted Selectman Schierloh seconded the motion in item #7. Selectman Schierloh seconded. All in favor.

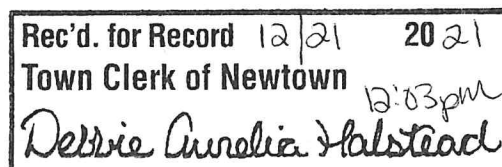
COMMUNICATIONS: none.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: Mr. Tait reported on the Town of Newtown Pension and the Police Pension <https://www.newtown-ct.gov/pension-committee/pages/pension-annual-valuation-report>. All assets are in one pension trust fund. The elected officials plan includes the First Selectman and the Town Clerk and is defined contribution plan. The recommended contribution to pension plans decreased 2022-23, 9% overall. A 6/5% interest rate assumption is being phased in from 7%; a five year phase in. The Town contributions are made in a lump sum the first week of the fiscal year.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

- 1. Acceptance Certification Section 5310 Grant (vehicle grant Human Services):** The grant is for a ten passenger van wheel chair accessible (for two wheelchairs) with a lift. Natalie Jackson saw the opportunity to add a suitable new vehicle at no cost to the Town. The seniors can use it for trips and various activities. Selectman Crick Owen moved the acceptance certification section 5310 grant. Selectman Schierloh seconded. All in favor.
- 2. Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies/Openings:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the appointments and re-appointments as noted on the document dated 12/20/21 (att.). Selectman Schierloh seconded. All in favor. Selectman Crick Owen moved the appointments to the Recycling and ARP Ad Hoc committees as noted in the attached. Selectman Schierloh seconded. All in favor.
- 3. Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** Selectman Crick Owen approved the driveway bonds release for Glen Radasci, Botsford Hill Rd., M47, B11, L33 in the amount of \$2,000 and the driveway bond extension for Dustin Kershaw, 9 Nighthawk Lane to now expire on June 4, 2022. Selectmen Schierloh seconded. All in favor.
- 4. Correction of Tax Refund #10:** Selectman Crick Owen moved to revise refund #10, previously approved at the last meeting, to reflect a reduction of a duplicate item of \$672.25 for a total of \$17,273.74. Selectman Schierloh seconded. All in favor.
- 5. Tax Refunds:** Selectman Crick Owen moved to approve Tax Refund #11 in the amount of \$8,839.34 Selectman Schierloh seconded. All in favor.



VOTER COMMENTS: Dave Kullgren asked about the recycling ad hoc committee. First Selectman Rosenthal stated that curbside recycling program has gone up in cost from \$600,000 to \$800,000. The group will address the questions on curbside recycling including whether to continue with weekly, go to biweekly, to make improvements at the transfer station to encourage residents to bring recycling there or to abandon curbside pick-up altogether. The program is funded through July 2022. The state is taking glass out of the single stream recycling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: First Selectman Rosenthal wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The next meeting will be on January 3; it is the last meeting before the budget meetings begin.

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

Att: Appointments/Re-appointments

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek, clerk

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RE-APPOINTMENTS

Board of Ethics

(U) Carolyn Signorelli, 18 Chimney Swift, SH	01/06/22 - 01/06/26
(U) Brian Mauriello, 8 Cobblers Mill Rd.	01/06/22 – 01/06/26 *moved from alt. to full
(U) Craig Kampmier, 5 Antler Pine Rd., SH	01/06/22 – 01/06/26 *moved from alt. to full

Commission on Aging

(R) Barbara Bloom, 25 Philo Curtis Rd., SH	01/06/22 – 01/06/25
(U) Xiao Han (alternate), 6 Driftway Dr.	01/06/22 – 01/06/24

Conservation

(R) Mark Boland, 66 Taunton Hill Rd.	12/31/21 – 12/31/25
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Economic Development Commission

(R) Nick Roussas, 38 Maltbie Rd.	01/06/22 – 01/06/25
(D) Valerie Fallon, 6 Hall La.	01/06/22 – 01/06/25
(D) Barbara Snyder, 105 Walnut Tree Hill Rd.	01/06/22 – 01/06/25

Director of Emergency Management

Bill Halstead	01/06/22 – 01/06/25
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Deputy Director of Emergency Management

Donna Culbert (Health Director)	01/06/22 – 01/06/25
Maureen Will (Communications Director)	01/06/22 – 01/06/25

Municipal Recovery Coordinator

Rob Sibley (Deputy Director, Planning & Land Use)	01/06/22 – 01-/06/25
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Employee Medical Benefits Board, (both alternates)

(R) Peter Salonia, 4 Fox Run Lane South	01/06/22 – 01/06/24
(D) Clinton DePaolo, 39 Buttonball Dr., SH	01/06/22 – 01/06/24

Lake Lillinonah Authority

(R) Scott Schifilliti, 24 Lake Rd.	01/06/21 – 01/06/24
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Lake Zoar Authority

(R) Bill May, 60 Housatonic Dr., SH	01/06/22 - 01/06/25
(U) Gary Fillion, 84 Underhill Rd., SH	01/06/22 - 01/06/25

Parks & Recreation

(R) Jim Parker, 4 Stonegate Dr., SH	01/06/22 - 01/06/24
(U) Rance Thompson, 87 Brushy Hill	01/06/22 – 01/06/24

Pension

(D) Charles Farfaglia, 42 Horseshoe Ridge Rd., SH	01/06/22 – 01/06/24
(R) Ellen Whalen, 65 Main St.	01/06/22 – 01/06/24
(U) John DiNoto, 1 Orchard La.	01/06/22 – 01/06/24

Sustainable Energy Commission

(U) Allen Adriani, 79 Castle Meadow Rd.	01/06/22 - 01/06/25
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN – December 20, 2021 (cont.)

Ad Hoc Committees:

Recycling:

Legislative Council members

Lisa Kessler

Chris Gardner

Ryan Knapp

Board of Finance members

Laura Miller

Steve Goodridge

Board of Selectmen member

Maureen Crick Owen

ARP Funding:

Legislative Council members

Charles Gardner

Matt Mihalcik

Michele Ku

Board of Finance members

Erica Sullivan

Geoffrey Dent

Board of Selectmen member

Ed Schierloh