

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

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 21, 2023. 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. and opened the meeting with salute to the flag.

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

ALSO PRESENT: One member of the public.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: Selectman Crick Owen moved to accept the regular meeting minutes of February 6, 2023. Selectman Schierloh seconded. All in favor.

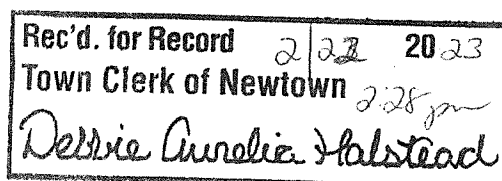
COMMUNICATIONS: The call with Standard & Poor's (S&P) went well. Bob Tait did a lot of work preparing for the call and Christal Preszler presented a power point relative to economic development. There was a focus on cyber security and extreme weather/emergency management preparedness. A rating is expected soon. S&P praised the work that went into the call. Two items from the last Board of Selectmen meeting have been executed: the 43 Bankside Trail easement and the amended agreement with Teton Capital.

FINANCE DIRECTORS REPORT: There was no report. First Selectman Rosenthal noted the Legislative Council accepted the financial statements.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

1. **American Rescue Plan Appropriation:** Selectman Schierloh moved a resolution providing for an appropriation totaling \$147,000, for a Project Adventure installation at Reed School (\$71,000), an upgrade to the Project Adventure at Newtown Middle School (\$23,000), playground replacement at Middle Gate Elementary School (\$33,000), and an additional amount needed to be added to the \$90,000 already appropriated for a Community Center/Senior Center bus (\$20,000), to be funded from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant. Selectman Crick Owen seconded. Selectman Schierloh reported that Ford cancelled the order for the bus; Chevy was \$20,000 more. Tim Whelan, Fleet Foreman, will continue to research options. The school and the PTA are also contributing to the Middle School Playground. Project Adventure is hands on, promotes team building and problem solving. All in favor.
2. **Newtown Police Department Grant Acceptance:** This grant was rewarded but not received due to turn over in the state office. It will be used as reimbursement for overtime relative to auto theft and acts of violence. Selectman Crick Owen moved to accept the ARPA Auto Theft and Violence Grant in the amount of \$35,000. Selectman Schierloh seconded. All in favor. Bob Tait will supply an impact statement; there is no cost to the town.
3. **Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies/Openings:** First Selectman Rosenthal spoke to the candidates prior to the meeting. Mr. Bednarz works in the field. Mr. O'Connor is also qualified and will be considered should there be another vacancy. Selectman Crick Owen moved the appointment of Damian Bednarz to the Sustainable Energy Commission for a term to expire January 6, 2026. Selectman Schierloh seconded. All in favor.
4. **Driveway Bond Release/Extension:** none.



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5. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Schierloh moved Tax Refund #15 2022/23 in the amount of \$10,926.08. First Selectman Rosenthal seconded. Selectman Crick Owen recused herself. The motion passed.

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the regular Board of Selectmen meeting was adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Marcinek

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:
TOWN OF HOLLAND
TOWN CLERK