

Board of Selectmen
February 18, 2020

MOTIONS ONLY. MINUTES TO FOLLOW.

The Board of Selectmen held a regular meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2020 in the Lecture Hall, Newtown High School, 12 Berkshire Road, Sandy Hook, CT. First Selectman Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Planning George Benson, Deputy Director for Economic & Community Development Christal Preszler, Economic & Community Development & Fairfield Hills Coordinator Kim Chiappetta, Fairfield Hills Authority Chairman Ross Carley, Economic Development Commission Vice-Chair Wes Thompson, Police Chief Viadero and 60+ members of the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action:

VOTER COMMENTS: none.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: Selectman Capeci moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of 2/3/2020. Selectman Crick Owen seconded. All in favor.

Discussion and possible action:

1. **Resolution to conform term of the Town Assessor as set forth in Section 4-15 of the Newtown Charter:** Selectman Crick Owen made a motion that the Newtown Board of Selectman, in order to conform to the requirements and obligations set forth in section 4-15 of the Town Charter concerning the term of the Town Assessor, hereby amends the motion appointing the Assessor as previously adopted on January 23, 2017, by replacing the date “February 28, 2021” with “February 28, 2020”. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

2. **8.24 Referral to Planning and Zoning relative to referendum CIP projects:** Selectmen Crick Owen motioned to refer to Planning & Zoning the items relative to the referendum CIP projects pursuant to 8.24. Selectmen Capeci seconded. All in favor.

3. **Resolution:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the resolution: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF VENTILATION AND HVAC RENOVATIONS TO HAWLEY SCHOOL AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2020-21) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (att.) and further moved to waive the reading of the entire resolution. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

4. **Resolution:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the resolution: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,541,933 FOR EMERGENCY RADIO SYSTEM UPGRADES AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS (2020-21 TO 2021-22) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,541,933 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (att.) and further moved to waive the reading of the entire resolution. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.
5. **Resolution:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the resolution: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN ROADS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2020-21) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (att.) and further moved to waive the reading of the entire resolution. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.
6. **Resolution:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the resolution: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,829,963 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF FAIRFIELD HILLS SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2020-21) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,829,963 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE (att.) and further moved to waive the reading of the entire resolution. Selectman Capeci seconded. Selectman Capeci noted for the public that the intention is not to spend 1.8 million but to spend half of the amount and the grant would be for the remainder. All in favor.
7. **Lease of property at 7 Glen Road to S.H.O.P.:** Selectman Crick Owen motioned that Board of Selectman hereby lease real property located at 7 Glen Road, Sandy Hook, by means of a 99-year lease to Sandy Hook Organization for Prosperity (SHOP), for the purpose of establishing a park and parking lot thereon for the benefit of the people of the Town of Newtown, in accordance with Section 8-10(d)(1) of the Newtown Town Charter (“Charter”)(it being the intention to waive the provisions of 8-10(c)(1) through (5) of the Charter). And that, the lease to SHOP, attached hereto, be and is hereby approved, and authorize the First Selectmen to execute said lease. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in Favor.
8. **Appointments/Reappointments/Vacancies/Opening:** Selectman Crick Owen moved the appointments of David Payne (R) to the Park & Recreation Commission to fill a vacancy to expire 1/6/2021, and to move David Schill (R) to the Library Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy to expire 7/1/2023, and to move Thomas Snayd (U) to the Pension Board to fill a vacancy to expire 1/6/2021, and to move Peter Salonia (R) from an alternate member of the Employee Medical Benefits Board for the term 1/6/2020 to 1/6/2022. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in Favor.

9. **Driveway Bond/Release/Extension:** Selectman Crick Owen motioned to approve driveway bond extensions for Resul Dalipi, 42 Oak Ridge Dr for a 6 month extension to expire 7/31/2020, Ardian Llomi, 56 Pole Bridge Rd for a 6 month extension to expire 8/27/2020, and Lee Skalkos, 18 Serene Way for an extension to expire 7/31/2020. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

10. **Tax Refunds:** Selectman Crick Owen motioned to approve tax refund number 12 in the amount of \$32,690.84. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Crick Owen motioned to adjourn. Selectman Capeci seconded. All in favor. The regular Board of Selectman meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.