



TOWN OF WOODBURY

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Shove Conference Room

7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: First Selectman William J. Butterly, Jr., Selectman Barbara Perkinson, Selectman Michael Gransky, twelve residents, two reporters

1. Call to order – First Selectman Butterly called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. First Selectman's Report – First Selectman Butterly reported that:
 - He has met with officials from Middlebury and Southbury about sharing equipment such as a roller and paver that would include a fifty percent grant from OPM.
 - The newly-constructed, newly-relocated crosswalk near the intersection of Mountain Road and Rt. 6 has been completed—costing the town \$40,500—making the area safer since two pedestrians were hit a year ago.
 - The contract for the Small Cities Block Grant consultant is under review—Lisa Low & Associates will be representing us regarding monies procured (at no cost to the town) to assist resident with such strategies as keeping elderly/handicapped residents in their homes.
4. Privilege of the Floor – **Mr. Stan Love**: Mr. Love distributed to the Selectmen his written request to consider an analysis for the town's lighting to replace florescent with LED lighting. **Mr. Tom Arras**: Mr. Arras questioned if the triangular-shaped signs would be added to other crosswalks in town; requested a new Vo-Ag Study Committee concerning the \$2500 to \$3000. Woodbury costs for out-of-district students; again, requested, if the police records that he wanted last August were located; questioned the First Selectman's information regarding the necessity of alternative repair locations for Parks & Rec. equipment instead of the barn at Three Rivers, which is difficult to get to, especially in the winter. **Mr. Paul Lugatti**: Mr. Lugatti expressed serious concern about excessive motor vehicle speeding, especially near the intersection of Transylvania Rd. and Rt. 317. **Mr. Joel Serota**: Mr. Serota summarized the Woodbury Reservoir Property Task Force's comprehensive efforts to purchase the property and thanked Arthur Milner, Virginia Mason, Selectman Perkinson, Deborah Fuller, Dick Leavenworth, John Lacadie, Claudette Volage, First Selectman Butterly, and Mrs. Krampitz.
5. Minutes –Regular Meeting November 12, 2015; Special Meeting December 7, 2015 – MOTION: First Selectman Butterly moved to approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2015. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED WITH SELECTMAN GRANSKY ABSTAINING DUE TO THE FACT THAT HE WAS NOT ON THE BOARD AT THAT TIME. MOTION: Selectman Gransky moved to approve the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015, as written. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Bid Awards – First Selectman Butterly stated that several bids, from out of state and locally, were received and the Director had submitted her recommendation. MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved to award the Library Computer Lab bid to Peklo Design and Joinery, P.C. in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. SECOND: Selectman Gransky. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Appointments/Resignations/Reappointments

NAME	TERM EXPIRES	POSITION/COMMITTEE	MOVE	SECOND	VOTE
Judy Umstead	1/2/18	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	First Sel. Butterly	Selectman Perkinson	PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Dana Natrillo	1/2/18	DEP. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	First Sel. Butterly	Selectman Perkinson	PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Tammie Fiske	1/2/18	ASSESSOR	Selectman Perkinson	First Sel. Butterly	PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Dan Fennessy*	1/2/18	EMER. MNGT. Co-Director			
William Garms*	1/2/18	EMER. MNGT. Co-Director			
Robin Lucas*	1/2/18	EMER. MNGT.			
Richard Lamothe*	1/2/18	EMER. MNGT.	Selectman Gransky	Selectman Perkinson	PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Janet Morgan*	1/2/18	EMER. MNGT.			
Sgt. Joe Roden*	1/2/18	EMER. MNGT.			
Peter Robinson*	1/2/18	EMER. MNGT.			
Sandra Vicari	1/2/18	Municipal Agent for the Elderly	First Sel. Butterly	Selectman Perkinson	PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Frank Morgan	12/31/17	NWCT PUBLIC SAFETY COMM.	Selectman Perkinson	First Sel. Butterly	PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Katherine Campbell*	12/3/17	Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee			
J. Dallas Garred*	12/3/17	Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee			
Lee Warner*	12/3/17	Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee			
David Monckton*	12/3/17	Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee	Selectman Perkinson	First Sel. Butterly	PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Maribel Pieper*	12/3/17	Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee			
Pricilla Steponaitis*	12/3/17	Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee			
John Thomas*	12/3/17	Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee			
Thomas Zissu*	12/3/17	Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee			
John Thomas	1/2/18	Tree Warden	First Sel. Butterly	Selectman Perkinson	PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Emergency Management and Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee appointments were motioned as a group.

8. Old Business

- a. Update Reservoir Property purchase – First Selectman Butterly reported that the First Amendment to Contract of Sale with Aquarion Water Company had been signed and he highlighted its amendments: delete “December 31, 2015” and replace with “October 31, 2016” in Sections 3.1 (a) (c) and Section 4.1. Also, the Public Sale Notice Requirement has been issued declaring the Aquarion Water Company’s intent to sell the former Woodbury Reservoir Land containing 245.50 acres. Selectman Perkinson read aloud the following statement: “At the swearing-in ceremony, one of the things Bill mentioned was that we would all work for the good of Woodbury and that is true and this will be done; however, we may have differing opinions on how to achieve that end. Case in point—I was disheartened at the November 12 BOS meeting to learn of a motion to disband the Woodbury Reservoir Property Task Force, of which I was a member. There were seven other members who were just as surprised as I was, since there was no prior indication that this action was to take place. There was no communication given to the Chair of the Task Force, nor to any member. Eight, well-qualified, dedicated individuals spent over two and a half years working, regularly at least once a month, through a variety of related issues concerning this purchase, that would bring to the residents of Woodbury, a presentation of its benefits, the importance of the quality and value of the aquifer, open space passive recreation, long-term management and stewardship of the property. To date, we have not acquired this property. In fact, it could take as long as September 2016 before this issue comes before the electorate. My fear is that before this goes before a Town Meeting, people will need to be reformed as to the benefits of this purchase. The Task Force did not complete their charge. They were charged in 2012, to strategize the purchasing of the property, help the town protect the water, form a marketing plan, search for additional funding, review the grant proposal, as well as inform people of the ecological, recreational and conservation benefits of the property. I have, nor will I ever be concerned with the politics nor personal issues concerning the disbanding of this committee. My only concern is that the electorate be well-informed on the value of this property and receive knowledgeable answers to their questions and I believe that can only be done through the expertise of the original Woodbury Reservoir Property Task Force. I have spoken to a number of people regarding this action, many who question the premature action. They feel that the Task Force should have been allowed to continue with their mission. The Task Force has earned the trust of the people and the people feel comfortable asking any member a question, knowing they will receive a thoroughly thought-out and informed answer. I will fully support the combined efforts of this Task Force along with other Land Use board members that will be formed. All of us have the same ultimate goal. That is—the over forty year quest to own this property. I do not believe that this premature dissolving of this committee is in the best interest of the town. MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved to reinstate the original Woodbury Reservoir Property Task Force, so that they may continue their intended goals of purchasing, presenting and fundraising of the 248 acres from Aquarion.” SECOND: Selectman Gransky. Discussion centered on: potential loss of information and contacts that could cause a time lag with forming a new committee; receipt of the committee’s final report; possible lack of communication; completing grant requirements in reference to property uses/maintenance/management; how to proceed into Phase 2; Bob Travers chairing a new committee; 2013 charge should have been redefined; and pursuant of additional grant monies. MOTION: Selectman Gransky moved to table. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED.

9. New Business

- a. Discuss and take action regarding Board of Selectmen Meetings' Rules and Procedures – First Selectman Butterly distributed proposed Rules and Procedures and noted that the change from last term would be voting interruptions. MOTION: First Selectman Butterly moved to approve Rules and Procedures as proposed. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. Discuss and take action to set Annual Joint Land Use Meeting – First Selectman Butterly mentioned that the Annual Joint Land Use meetings have been held both on a week night and on a Saturday. MOTION: Selectman Gransky moved to set the Annual Joint Land Use Meeting for Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center with the condition that no other land use meetings are scheduled for that evening. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c. Discuss and take action regarding authorization and signatories regarding town bank accounts at Newtown Savings Bank - MOTION: First Selectman Butterly moved to authorize the Town Treasurer/Chief Fiscal Officer, Manuel Gomes, to open accounts for the Town of Woodbury at Newtown Savings Bank and to authorize Town Treasurer/Chief Fiscal Officer Manuel Gomes, First Selectman William J. Butterly, Jr., and Selectman Barbara P. Perkinson to be the authorized signatories on all new and existing Town of Woodbury accounts at Newtown Savings Bank and to remove Martin J. Overton as a signatory on the Town of Woodbury accounts at Newtown Savings Bank in which he is an authorized signatory. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- d. Discuss and take action to approve the income limits for Town Homeowners Program for the 2015 Grand List – MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved to increase the income limits for the Homeowner's Local Option Limits Program by \$700.00 based on the Tax Assessor's recommendation to match the state increase. SECOND: Selectman Gransky. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved to discuss and take action regarding fuel contracts. SECOND: Selectman Gransky. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. First Selectman noted, after careful research, that the manner in which fuel utilized by the Town be purchased will change, with a very tight timeline for acceptance. It had previously been through a consortium and the new manner is expected to realize a savings for the Town. MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into fuel contracts (fuel oil, diesel and gas) on behalf of the Town for the July 2016 – June 2017 time period and to waive formal bidding requirements for the purchases. SECOND: Selectman Gransky. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Correspondence – none.

11. Executive Session for regarding real estate negotiations – MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved to go into Executive Session regarding real estate negotiations at 8:48 p.m. and invite in Mrs. Krampitz. SECOND: Selectman Gransky. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:27 P.M. NO BUSINESS CONDUCTED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

12. Take action from Executive Session, if needed – none.

13. Adjournment – MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. SECOND: Selectman Gransky. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Respectfully submitted,

This 14th day of Dec 2015
at 2:23 o'clock P M
Janice A. Cook

Jan Krampitz

Jan Krampitz, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen