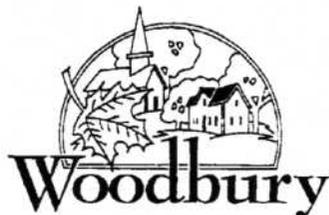


TOWN OF WOODBURY

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First land deed from the Indians
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 24, 2014
Shove Building Conference Room
7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: First Selectman William J. Butterly, Selectman Michelle Ecsedy, approximately twenty residents; two reporters, absent: Selectman Martin Overton

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 on:
 - Library elevator is near completion pending the fire alarm system, \$17,000., covered by the insurance company.
 - Twenty-five mile per hour speed limit sign installed on Westwood Road.
 - Stop sign, with "stop ahead" sign, installed on Tuttle Road (State of Connecticut approval was not needed).
 - Seeking public opinion, regarding Plan of Conservation Development, on hold until the budget cycle is over.
 - Telecommunications Project: summarized comments made at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting, reviewed committee's work since the 2012 appropriation of \$242,000 and the hiring of the consultant, and consideration of structured cable RFPs received (detailed report attached at the request of the First Selectman).
4. Privilege of the Floor – Mr. Richard Snider: Mr. Snider complimented Mr. Lamothe, Director of Public Works, and his employees for doing a great job during the tough winter.
5. Minutes – Regular Meeting April 10, 2014 – MOTION: Selectman Ecsedy moved to approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2014. SECOND: First Selectman Butterly. MOTION PASSED.
6. Bid Awards – First Selectman Butterly explained that a request for bid waiver for repair parts for the JD672B Grader was requested by the Director of Public Works. MOTION: First Selectman Butterly moved to waive the bid process for purchase of parts for the JD672B Grader for vendor W.I. Clark, in the amount of \$4445.69, as recommended by the Director of Public Works. SECOND: Selectman Ecsedy. MOTION PASSED. Regarding the bid award for Structured Cable for the Telecommunications RFP, First Selectman Butterly introduced Kurt Gengenbach, committee member. Kurt spoke of the existing inferior telephone system in town offices now and the importance of a solid, reliable, foundation to layer the network for the next phase. He estimated that that this phase of the project would take thirty days installation time. MOTION: First Selectman Butterly moved to award the Structured Cable Telecommunications RFP to Digital Back Office in the amount of \$25,943.24 (Option #3) with the availability of ten percent for unexpected costs due to wiring conditions. SECOND: Selectman Ecsedy. Selectman Ecsedy

stated her opinion: since Selectman Overton was no longer attending the committee meetings, she reviewed committee minutes, attended meetings, reviewed bids, asked questions of the committee, and consulted with an outside engineer. First Selectman Butterly went on to say that Selectman Overton asked that this topic and decision be deferred until the next BOS meeting. She concluded that her findings were that the committee had made good progress and she appreciated their work. MOTION PASSED.

7. Appointments/Resignations – First Selectman Butterly read the letters of resignation, with regret for: Cindy Crosby (Open Space Acquisition Committee); M. Douglas Bibbey and William Geddes (Woodbury Arts & Cultural Activities Ad-hoc Committee), and thanked them for their service.
8. Donations - MOTION: Selectman Ecsedy moved to accept the donation of \$100.00 from \$haneanigans 5K Road Race Committee for the Parks & Recreation Department. SECOND: First Selectman Butterly. MOTION PASSED.
9. Old Business
 - a. Discuss and take action to set Special Meeting to establish agenda for 5/19/14 Town Meeting – MOTION: Selectman Ecsedy moved to set Special Meeting to establish agenda for 5/19/14 Town Meeting for Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at 9 a.m. SECOND: First Selectman Butterly. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: Selectman Ecsedy moved to add 9b. Old Business “Discuss and take action on work of the Woodbury Community and Economic Development Ad-hoc Committee.” SECOND: First Selectman Butterly. MOTION PASSED.
 - b. Discuss and take action on work of the Woodbury Community and Economic Development Ad-hoc Committee – Selectman Ecsedy reiterated that at the time of the committee’s establishment, the deadline for completion of their work was “no later than April 24, 2014”. MOTION: Selectman Ecsedy moved, at the request of the committee, to extend the deadline, of the Woodbury Community and Economic Development Ad-hoc Committee to report back to the Board of Selectmen, to July 1, 2014. SECOND: First Selectman Butterly. MOTION PASSED.
10. New Business
 - a. Discuss and take action regarding the Woodbury Arts and Cultural Activities Ad-hoc Committee – First Selectman Butterly stated concerns of two resignations from this committee due to 501(c)(3) conflicts and conflicts of ad-hoc committees raising money. First Selectman Butterly stated that this subject be on the next agenda.
11. Correspondence – none.
12. Adjournment – MOTION: Selectman Ecsedy moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. SECOND: First Selectman Butterly. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Jan Krampitz, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

*Steven
Simplex Grinnell
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Speed Limit Sign has been installed on Westwood Rd.

Stop sign about to go up on Tuttle with A Stop sign ahead warning

State of Ct. approval was not need for either of these actions- contrary to any expert opinion you might
Have heard.

I have decided to wait until after the budget/ election cycle here to try and get the public's opinion about the direct of the community relative to the POCD> Lots of discussion around town.

Telecommunication: At the conclusion of the last Selectman's meeting Mr. Overton, who had arrived at 7:28 asked that the agenda be amended to add a subject: Telecommunication. I did not realize, as there had been no preliminary conversation with him, that he was going to be extremely critical of the manner with which the critically need telephone system was being handled. Had I know that he had questions; I would have brought this binder and experts to assuage his fears. Fortunately, we have all that tonight.

Most of us know that the phone system we have should have been replaced years ago. In fact, \$244,000 was appropriated in July of 2012 to replace it in its entirety. Nothing happened until March of 2013 when an RFP went out. The bid was rewarded to the highest bidder, and work started in April. When I was sworn in last December, there had been very little headway. The consultant stated that he worked only with the first Selectman, and things had not progressed well. We discussed having a committee.

I consulted with Janet Morgan, our Fire Chief, and Marshal, who has a wealth of experience in this area. She selected two members of the Woodbury VFD, Glenn Dains and Kurt Gengenbach. Glenn installs phone systems for doctors' offices throughout the state and Kirk, a Cisco partner, has worked with servers, switches and the like that are an integral of a telecommunication system. They accepted and we rounded out the committee with Chief Morgan, BOF Chair Alex DeSorbo and BOS Martin Overton who has some sort of an engineering degree and worked for the city of Norwalk for over 30 years. The town of Woodbury also supplied the services of our fee paid IT person for a few meetings, and we had the paid consultant hired by the previous administration.

Over the next month this committee and your First Selectman went over every inch of the 10 or so building and structures that the town owns. It was a rocky start as there are not a lot of blueprint, etc. And it took time for the committee to get comfortable working with the paid consultant. THIS IS NOT A SIMPLE PROCESS. It is expensive, and it will have to meet the need of the town for the next 20 years.

Mr. Overton attended a few of the early, rocky meetings. He had a lot on his plate, buying property, setting up the community theater, attending Park and Rec meetings and going to England. He stopped coming to the meetings, which is why I thought that he wanted the update 2 weeks ago.

Instead he unleashed a string of criticisms which included that FACT< absolute FACT that one company should have been brought in to do the whole system, from Soup to nuts. He also railed about owning vs leasing a system. I was completely taken aback, but provided what I thought were appropriate answers to his concerns.

Tonight we are going to take up awarding the bid for wiring the town buildings that will be necessary whether we lease or own the system. 12 companies asked for the specs. 6 inspected the various properties and 3 companies' submitted bids that were reviewed by the committee individually over the weekend and collectively Tuesday night.

Today, Chief Morgan and I spent time on the phone with yet another consultant who has had nothing to do with the process thus far. He indicated to us that there is nothing wrong with going with more than one company in the process. In fact, in the City of Norwalk, where Mr. Overton had labored so long, that is the way that several projects were done. The Consultant, by the way has 40 years' experience in this field, and works for a company with offices in many states.

I bring all this up, and apologies for the length so that the Selectman who have to vote on awarding this bid tonight, and you, the people that will be paying for it, can be assured that this system will be installed with the proper checks and balances , accompanied by warranties and guarantees.

Janet and Kirk are here tonight in case anyone has any questions. In keeping with my pledge of holding open meetings. We can discuss anything as long as it is in a civil manner.

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This 28th day of April, 2014
at 1:15 o'clock P.M
Judith T. Ryan
Town Clerk