

# TOWN OF WOODBURY

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 27, 2015  
Shove Conference Room  
7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: First Selectman William J. Butterly, Jr., Selectman Martin Overton, Selectman Barbara Perkinson, fifteen 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:
  - In light of researching oil prices for the area, i.e. showing that a small school district had paid forty-one cents less than the Town of Woodbury and in talking with other town's officials, he has not signed with the oil consortium, as in the past—we can do better on our own.
  - On more information for various temporary signs being picked up as reported in the Republican-American Newspaper—based on a 1931 map, state property ownership now extends further into the North Green than known before and all of the Cannon Green.

At this point in the meeting the Selectmen and several residents questioned recent events (including comments from Town Attorney) regarding removal and positioning of temporary signs and questioned what is next. The concerns were: how will non-profit organizations in town be informed where the state/town lines begin/end; issue-advocacy signs on town/state properties; outcomes of the Town's land-use attorney stance on the recent Supreme Court ruling affecting signage; suggestions of collaborative efforts between the state and town officials regarding signage; suggestions for the town taking steps for a general (could be long-term) permit to post temporary signs on state properties; and probable additional fees.

- The proposed moving of the crosswalk near the intersection of Rt. 6 and Mountain Road has been inspected.
  - The new pathway stairs between the Shove/Library buildings and the Boyd building will be usable after the area has been back-filled.
4. Privilege of the Floor – *Mr. Tom Arras*: Mr. Arras complained about the activity concerning removal of temporary signs the day of the recent budget referendum.
  5. Minutes –Regular Meeting August 13, 2015 – MOTION: Selectman Overton moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectman Meeting of August 13, 2015. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Appointments/Resignations – First Selectman Butterly read, with regret, the resignations of Edward Caisse from the Board of Fire Commissioners, and Lawrence McDonald from the Zoning Commission.
7. Bid Awards – MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved to approve the purchase of a bucket replacement for the Volvo L90D Loader from Phoenix Equipment Sales in an amount not to exceed \$6954.00. SECOND: First Selectman Butterly. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Selectman Overton moved to award the repair of hydraulic pressure case backhoe loader to F & W Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$1,184.03. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved to award the rebuilding of the brake system for Truck #10 to Hine Bros. Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6321.05. SECOND: First Selectman Butterly. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: Selectman Overton moved to continue the tree cutting bid acceptance from Rocky Ridge Services, Inc. for another year at \$100.00 per hour for tree removal and \$100.00 for stump grinding. SECOND: First Selectman Butterly. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: First Selectman Butterly moved to award the purchase of a 2016 Mack Cab and Chassis designed and reinforced for the installation and operation of Front Engine mount PTO with heavy duty reversible plow blade hydraulic plow, all season dump body and sander GVW 64,000 truck from Gabrielli Sales of CT, LLC (ref. #62014/2015) utilizing the Town of North Branford bid pricing in an amount not to exceed \$111,144.00. SECOND: Selectman Overton. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION: First Selectman Butterly moved to award the purchase 2016 Mack Cab and Chassis, with New England Truck & Equipment designing and reinforcing for the installation and operation of Front Engine Mount PTO with heavy duty reversible plow blade hydraulic plow, all season dump body and sander GVW 64,000, body, utilizing State Contract #11PSX0163, in an amount not to exceed \$84,838.91. SECOND: Selectman Overton. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
8. Donations/Grants – MOTION: First Selectman Butterly moved to accept the generous donation of \$750.00 from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., for the WOW Food Fest Event. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
9. Old Business
  - a. Discuss and take action regarding purchase of Reservoir Property – First Selectman Butterly noted the Woodbury Reservoir Property Task Force’s request to bring the property purchase to a Special Town Meeting vote on September 30, 2015. He gave reasons why it may be too early for this to happen and invited Chairman Joel Serota to the table for discussion. Selectman Overton questioned when the grant amount would be known and Chairman Serota stated that they expect to be advised the first week of September. Highlights of further concerns by First Selectman Butterly, Selectman Overton and Chairman Serota were: residents need to know the figures and how that will affect their personal finances (estimate had been presented as approximately \$20.- \$60. more a year in taxes for each homeowner) or the project may fail; ramifications of future debt service to bond the purchase; the task force’s commitment to protecting the aquifer; previously (for the past year) advising the residents that the town was verbally guaranteed by the state to expect a grant to cover approximately fifty to sixty-five percent of the appraised value of the reservoir property; but more recently Town Attorney was told that the grant amount could be more like \$500,000.; suggestions that another public hearing should be held to update the residents; and suggestion that potential revenue sources be investigated utilizing an engineer (reporting to Land Use Department). Task Force Member, Deb Fuller, complained about the disadvantages in not already have asked the residents what they want—commercial property development or preservation for open space and, in her opinion, the need to go to town meeting with the 2.85 million dollars figure. Task Force Member, Arthur Milnor,

questioned the expiration of the Memorandum of Understanding and gave his opinion in that the state never promised the town between fifty to sixty-five percent according to Graeme Stevens, Dave Stygar's boss. Conclusions by the Selectmen centered around having another public hearing, once the grant amount is set, so that residents will know what they are voting on; no action taken at this meeting but put it on the next agenda; what would Plan B look like; and future use of the land.

10. New Business

- a. Discuss and take action to release bond for 641 Main Street South LLC – MOTION: First Selectman Butterly moved to release the \$33,750.00 Bond (Planting/Landscaping Bond of \$30,000., Erosion Control of \$2500.00, and Driveway Apron Bond of \$1,250.00) for the 641 Main Street South Project as all requirements have been satisfied by the Town Planner and approved by the Zoning Commission. SECOND: Selectman Overton. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
- b. Discussion town property on 146 Westside Road – First Selectman Butterly stated that this agenda item was requested by Selectman Perkinson. She summarized that her call for help from Mrs. Donna Wolf, involved a septic system in the front of the property, and Mrs. Wolf's belief that her front lawn is on town property—potentially resulting in a future problem if the septic system needs to be replaced. Mrs. Wolf read aloud her five page letter detailing their discrepancies of various deeds/acreage descriptions/ownership since 2013. The Selectmen invited her to the table so that her research could be examined while she was available to answer their questions. First Selectman Butterly informed the Selectmen that Mrs. Wolf had met with him at which time he requested that she put her request in writing. He also, at that time, contacted Town Attorney, who expressed that resolving this issue with a quit claim could be precedent setting. Mrs. Wolf asked the Board of Selectmen to review and discuss her provided research in order to have a quit claim process as part of a Town Meeting. It was concluded to have this request on the next agenda after Town Attorney's research.
- c. Discuss and take action Annual Report – First Selectman Butterly indicated that the Board of Selectmen portion of the Annual Report was due and asked for their input.
- d. Discuss and take action to approve use of town roads for Sunshine Kids Motorcycle Ride – MOTION: First Selectman Butterly moved to approve use of town roads for the Sunshine Kids Motorcycle Ride being held on October 3, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Correspondence – none.

12. Adjournment – MOTION: Selectman Overton moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. SECOND: Selectman Perkinson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

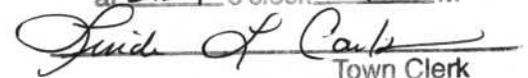
Respectfully submitted,



Jan Krampitz, Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

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