

Minutes for the

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

January 08, 2024

ATTENDANCE: Jon Zagrodzky; Michael Burke, Monica McNally; Marcy Minnick; Sarah Neumann

STAFF: Kathleen Buch, Town Administrator; Ed Gentile, Director of Public Works; Tony Campanella, Supervisor of Facilities

OTHERS: Alan Addley, Superintendent of Schools; David Martin, Member Board of Finance & HHR Building Committee; Jill McCammon, Chairman of Board of Education & Co-Chairman of HHR Building Committee; Chris Price, Co-Chairman of HHR Building Committee; David Genovese; Mario Fontana

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Zagrodzky led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Adjourn to Executive Session

1. Executive Session for Discussion of Lease of Town property

MOTION to Adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion of Lease of Town property

Motion made by Minnick, Seconded by Burke.

Voting Yea: Zagrodzky, Burke, McNally, Minnick, Neumann

ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION to return to open session.

Motion made by Neumann, Seconded by Burke.

Voting Yea: Zagrodzky, Burke, McNally, Minnick, Neumann

PRESENTATIONS

2. Request for Consideration of Proposal to Lease Spaces in Center St. Lot for Outdoor Dining

David Genovese and his tenant, Mario Fontana owner of Bodega, presented a request to lease the parking spaces behind the restaurant to use for outdoor dining. Mr. Fontana and Mr. Genovese answered questions regarding plans.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Zagrodzky reported on a variety of topics including the budget, WestCOG, upcoming wind and rain storm (1/9), and simplifying department head reports

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Buch reported on budget reviews and the resignation of the Parks & Recreation Director.

BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Burke reported on the Blight Review Board,

Ms. Minnick reported on the ORBC and Mental Health Task Force

Ms. McNally reported on the Great Island Advisory Committee.

Ms. Neumann reported on Thriving Youth and the HHR Building Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS*

None

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discuss and Take Action to Authorize First Selectman to Sign the Neglected Cemetery Grant

Ms. Buch explained the request.

MOTION to Authorize First Selectman to Sign the Neglected Cemetery Grant

Motion made by Minnick, Seconded by Burke.

Voting Yea: Zagrodzky, Burke, McNally, Minnick, Neumann

Chris Price and Jill McCammon, Co-Chairmen of the HHR Building Committee introduced items 4, 5 & g and answered questions from the Selectmen

4. Discuss and Take Action on a Request for an Increase to the Appropriation and Bonding Authorization for Hindley Elementary School

MOTION to Approve a Request for an Increase to the Appropriation and Bonding Authorization for Hindley Elementary School

Motion made by Neumann, Seconded by Burke.

Voting Yea: Zagrodzky, Burke, McNally, Minnick, Neumann

5. Discuss and Take Action on a Request for an Increase to the Appropriation and Bonding Authorization for Holmes Elementary School

MOTION to Approve a Request for an Increase to the Appropriation and Bonding Authorization for Holmes Elementary School

Motion made by Neumann, Seconded by Minnick.
Voting Yea: Zagrodzky, Burke, McNally, Minnick, Neumann

6. Discuss and Take Action on a Request for an Increase to the Appropriation and Bonding Authorization for Royle Elementary School

MOTION to Approve a Request for an Increase to the Appropriation and Bonding Authorization for Royle Elementary School

Motion made by Neumann, Seconded by McNally.
Voting Yea: Zagrodzky, Burke, McNally, Minnick, Neumann

PARKING AUTHORITY BUSINESS

7. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Transfer \$ 30,000 to Darien Railroad Station Platform Shelters

Mr. Gentile presented the request.

MOTION to Approve a Request to Transfer \$ 30,000 to Darien Railroad Station Platform Shelters

Motion made by Burke, Seconded by McNally.
Voting Yea: Zagrodzky, Burke, McNally, Minnick, Neumann

TRANSFERS

8. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Transfer \$11,000 to Parks & Recreation Facility Overtime

MOTION to Approve a Request to Transfer \$11,000 to Parks & Recreation Facility Overtime

Motion made by McNally, Seconded by Neumann.
Voting Yea: Zagrodzky, Burke, McNally, Minnick, Neumann

MINUTES

9. Review of Minutes of December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting
The minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn at 8:43

Motion made by Neumann, Seconded by Minnick.
Voting Yea: Zagrodzky, Burke, McNally, Minnick, Neumann