

Minutes for the

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

February 27, 2023

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

STAFF: Kathleen Buch, Town Administrator; Ed Gentile, Director of Public Works; Darren Oustafine, Assistant Director of Public Works; Dr. Alan Addley, Superintendent of Schools

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. McNally led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to CGS 1-200 (6) (A) and (D)

MOTION to adjourn to executive session

Motion made by Selectman Burke, Seconded by Selectman Neumann.

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

ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION to return to open session at 8:09 pm

Motion made by Selectman Neumann, Seconded by Selectman Burke.

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

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms McNally updated the board on several topics including her meeting with Senator Murphy, SB122

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Buch updated on several topics including the new Highway Superintendent, the planned website upgrade.

BOARD LIASION REPORTS

Mr Burke updated on the Blight Review Board. He noted that discussions have begun regarding adding commercial properties to the blight ordinance.

Ms. Neumann updated on the HHR Building Committee and stated that they need new members. She also updated on Thriving Youth Task Force.

Mr. Zagrodzky reported that the IT committee will hold its final meeting on March 16.

Ms. Minnick reported on the Mental Health Task Force. She noted that we are into the resiliency phase, designed to help identify and get resources to those who need assistance. She also reported on the Ox Ridge Building Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS*

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Increase the Appropriation and Bonding Authorization for the Darien High School Track to \$817,970

Dr. Addley presented the request.

MOTION to Approve the Request to Increase the Appropriation and Bonding Authorization for the Darien High school Track to \$817,970 and to Recommend the same to the RTM.

Motion made by Selectman Burke, Seconded by Selectman Zagrodzky.

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

2. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Authorize the First Selectman to Accept a Sewer Easement

Mr. Oustafine presented the request.

MOTION to Approve the Request to Authorize the First Selectman to Accept the Kensett Sewer Easement

Motion made by Selectman Zagrodzky, Seconded by Selectman Burke.

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

3. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Increase the Dollar Amount for the Acceptance of Gifts to the Town as Detailed in Section 2-33 of the Town Code

MOTION to Increase the Dollar Amount for the Acceptance of Gifts to the Town to \$12,500 as permitted in Section 2-33 of the Town Code

Motion made by Selectman Minnick, Seconded by Selectman Burke.

Voting Yea: First Selectman McNally, Selectman Burke, Selectman Minnick, Selectman Neumann,

Selectman Zagrodzky

TRANSFERS

4. Discuss and Take Action on a Request for a Transfer of \$1,500 for a Harbor Channel Survey

Ms. Buch presented the request.

MOTION TO Approve a Transfer of \$1,500 for a Harbor Channel Survey

Motion made by Selectman Neumann, Seconded by Selectman Minnick.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

5. Appointments of 3 members to the Coastal Waters Advisory Committee for Terms Expiring December 31, 2022.

MOTION to Appoint Sam Bridges, Rob Roberto and Kevin Marks to the Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters for Terms Expiring December 31, 2023.

Motion made by Selectman Neumann, Seconded by Selectman Minnick.

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

MINUTES

6. Review and Approve Minutes of the February 7, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION To Approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented

Motion made by Selectman Minnick, Seconded by Selectman Burke.

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

7. Review and Approve Minutes of the February 8, 2023 Regular Meeting

MOTION to Approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2023 Regular Meeting as amended (West Avenue, not Street)

Motion made by Selectman Burke, Seconded by Selectman Neumann.

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

8. Review and Approve Minutes of January 30, January 31 and February 1 Budget Workshops

MOTION to Approve the Minutes of the Budget Workshops as presented

Motion made by Selectman Neumann, Seconded by Selectman Burke.

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Burke asked when the next update on Great Island would occur. Ms. McNally stated it would be at the March 6th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn at 8:43 pm.

Motion made by Selectman Burke, Seconded by Selectman Zagrodzky.

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