

*Minutes for the*

## **Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**

September 18, 2023

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

**STAFF:** Kathleen Buch, Town Administrator; Tony Homicki, Assessor

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **Adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel and Discussion of Lease Negotiations pursuant to CGS Section 1-200 6 (A) & (D)**

**MOTION** to Adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel and Discussion of Lease Negotiations pursuant to CGS Section 1-200 6 (A) & (D)

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

Motion made by Selectman Neumann, Seconded by Selectman Burke.

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

### **FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

Ms. McNally reported on a variety of topics including the 9/11 memorial services, emergency preparedness with hurricane season, Hemlocks treatment plant, 43rd annual Darien Road Race, christening of NFD fire boat, boating safety, Great Island book - Baking Powder Wars, tours

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Presentation from George Logan, Aquarion Customer Relations  
Mr. George Logan presented information on Aquarion including water usage, water conservation, capital improvement plans. He also responded to questions from the Board.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Buch provided a demonstration of the Town's new website which will go live on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **BOARD LIASION REPORTS**

Mr Burke updated on the Blight Review Board.

Ms. Neumann updated on the Thriving Youth Task Force. She also reported on the HHR Building committee, noting that the committee voted to rebid many of the bid packages and is expecting to need an increase in the appropriation.

Mr. Zagrodzky reported on the Great Island Advisory Committee and noted that he was working with the Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters as well and that he would be bringing some things forward on their behalf.

Ms. Minnick reported on the Ox Ridge Building Committee, noting that they are almost complete - estimated 6 more months of meeting. She stated that the ribbon cutting for the school would be on October 7<sup>th</sup> and the project looks to be under budget.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS\***

none

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Recommend to the RTM the Adoption of a Local Ordinance Allowing the Assessor to Waive, with Good Cause, Certain Penalties

Mr. Homicki presented the request and answered questions from the Board.

**MOTION** to Approve Request to Recommend to the RTM the Adoption of a Local Ordinance Allowing the Assessor to Waive, with Good Cause, Certain Penalties

Motion made by Selectman Minnick, Seconded by Selectman Burke.

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

3. Discuss and Take Action on Request to Amend the Compensation Plan for 2023-2024

This item was tabled to the October 2, 2023 meeting.

## **TRANSFERS**

4. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Transfer \$7,463 to Darien Fire Department Facility Repair & Maintenance

**MOTION** to Approve a Request to Transfer \$7,463 to Darien Fire Department Facility Repair & Maintenance

Motion made by Selectman Burke, Seconded by Selectman Zagrodzky.

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

5. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Transfer of \$7,145 to Darien Fire Department Motorized Equipment

**MOTION** to Approve a Request to Transfer of \$7,145 to Darien Fire Department Motorized Equipment

Motion made by Selectman Minnick, Seconded by Selectman Zagrodzky.

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

6. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Transfer \$125,524 to Accrued Leave Redemption

**MOTION** to Approve a Request to Transfer \$125,524 to Accrued Leave Redemption

Motion made by Selectman Neumann, Seconded by Selectman Zagrodzky.

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

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

7. Reappointment of a member to the Commission on Aging for a term expiring on March 31, 2025

**MOTION** to Reappoint Peter Eder to the Commission on Aging for a term expiring on March 31, 2025

Motion made by Selectman Burke, Seconded by Selectman Neumann.

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

8. Reappoint an Alternate Member to the Architectural Review Board for a Term Expiring on June 30, 2025

**MOTION** to Reappoint Sean Brown as an Alternate Member to the Architectural Review Board for a Term Expiring on June 30, 2025

Motion made by Selectman Burke, Seconded by Selectman Minnick.

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

## **MINUTES**

9. Review and Approve Minutes of the September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting

**MOTION** to Approve Minutes of the September 5, 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

## **AGENDA REVIEW**

Mr. Zagrodzky asked for an update on the Pear Tree dredging project. Ms. Buch provided an update.

Mr. Zagrodzky informed the Board that the Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters had been working with the Harbor Master regarding regulations and they would be bringing proposed changes forward.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn at 9:11

Motion made by Selectman Burke, Seconded by Selectman Neumann.

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