

*Minutes for the*

## **Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**

November 13, 2023

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

**STAFF:** Kathleen Buch, Town Administrator; Ed Gentile, Director of Public Works

**OTHERS:** Mike Burkhart, President, Noroton Fire Department; Jack Davis, Chairman, RTM Finance & Budget Committee

### **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.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion of Pending Litigation pursuant to CGS Section 1-200 6 (B)

**MOTION** to Adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion of Pending Litigation pursuant to CGS Section 1-200 6 (B)

Motion made by Burke, Seconded by Minnick.

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

Return to Open Session

**MOTION** to return to Open Session

Motion made by Burke, Seconded by Neumann.

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

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

Mr. Zagrodzky updated the board on a variety of topics including Gorham's Pond Dam flushing, employee service luncheon, leaf pickup, planting for Noroton Heights RR Station, election, Old Timers Day.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Buch updated on budget preparation and parking permit renewals.

## **SELECTMEN UPDATES**

MS Minnick reported that the Mental Health Task Force has events coming up including Survivors Day.

Ms Neumann reported on the TYTF meeting this week, HHR met last Wednesday, reviewed the new bids. some negative movement, still over the estimates from 18 months ago, did have new bidders. Will review again on Wednesday.

Mr Burke reported on blight review, removed a commercial property that had cured its issue. 4 on watch list, but not yet blight.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Authorize an Appropriation and Bonding Authorization in the Amount of \$2,067,250 for the Hanson Road Bridge Replacement

Mr. Gentile introduced the request, explained the history of the project and answered questions from the board.

**MOTION** to Approve a Request to Authorize an Appropriation and Bonding Authorization in the Amount of \$2,067,250 for the Hanson Road Bridge Replacement

Motion made by Minnick, Seconded by Burke.

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

2. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Amend the Appropriation and Bonding Authorization to Increase the Amount by \$2,357,300 to \$4,697,300 for the Sanitary Sewer System Project

Mr. Gentile introduced the request

**MOTION** to Approve a Request to Amend the Appropriation and Bonding Authorization to Increase the Amount by \$2,357,300 to \$4,697,300 for the Sanitary Sewer System Project

Motion made by Minnick, Seconded by Neumann.

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

3. Discuss and Take Action to Approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Schedule for 2024

Ms. Buch introduced the topic. Board members discussed the proposed calendar.

**MOTION** to Approve the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Schedule for 2024 as proposed

Motion made by Minnick, Seconded by Burke.

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

4. Discuss and Take Action to Approve Settlement of Litigation

**MOTION** to Approve the Settlement with Project Service LLC as presented by the Town Attorney.

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

## **PARKING AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

5. Discuss and Take Action on a Request for a Transfer of \$40,000 for Railroad Platform shelters

Mr. Gentile introduced the transfer request.

**MOTION** to Approve a Request for a Transfer of \$40,000 for Railroad Platform shelters

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

## **TRANSFERS**

6. Discuss and Take Action on a Request for a Transfer of \$20,000 to the Hanson Rd. Bridge Account

Ed Gentile introduced the request.

**MOTION** to Approve a Request for a Transfer of \$20,000 to the Hanson Rd. Bridge Account

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

7. Discuss and Take Action on a Request for a Transfer of \$65,000 to NFD Conversion to Natural Gas Project

Mike Burkhart, President of the Noroton Fire Department, presented the request.

**MOTION** to Approve a Request for a Transfer of \$65,000 to NFD Conversion to Natural Gas Project

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

8. Discuss and Take Action on a Request to Transfer \$4,162 in Unspent Funds from Upgrade Town Hall Heating to the BOF Capital Reserve

Ms. Buch explained the request.

**MOTION** to Approve a Request to Transfer \$4,162 in Unspent Funds from Upgrade Town Hall Heating to the BOF Capital Reserve

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

**APPOINTMENTS:**

9. Appointment of a Selectman to the Great Island Advisory Committee

**MOTION** to appoint Monica McNally to the Great Island Advisory Committee

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

**MINUTES**

10. Review and Approve Minutes of the October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting

**MOTION** to Approve Minutes of the October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented  
Motion made by Burke, Seconded by Neumann.  
Voting Yea: Zagrodzky, Burke, McNally, Minnick, Neumann

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Mr Burke would like to see discussions regarding revisions to the parking wait list policy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn at 8:16

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