

Town of Willington

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Special Meeting Minutes
Hybrid; TOB, Common Room & Virtual Meeting

January 22, 2024
6:00 PM

**Minutes are not official until approved at the next regular meeting*

First Selectman Peter Tanaka called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM with the following in attendance: Selectman Matt Clark, Shannon Rittner, Stephanie Summers, John Blessington in person, as well as residents on zoom. Selectman Andy Marco not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present To Speak

Stephanie Summers suggested amendments to January minutes.

Approval of Minutes

First Selectman Peter Tanaka moved to approve the minutes of the January 2nd regular meeting with the following amendments- changing Fire Chief Tom Snyder with the Willington Hill Fire Department and Geoff Prusak and Selectman Andy Marco was absent.

Selectman Matt Clark seconded.

2 Yes (Tanaka & Clark) 0 No. Motion carried.

Correspondence

First Selectman Tanaka moved to approve Property Tax Refund for Honda Lease Trust in the amount of \$317.99.

Selectman Clark seconded.

2 yes (Tanaka & Clark) 0 No. Motion Carried

First Selectman Tanaka moved to approve Property Tax Refund for Donna E. Latinsics in the amount of \$302.07.

Selectman Clark seconded.

2 yes (Tanaka & Clark) 0 No. Motion Carried

First Selectman Tanaka moved to approve Property Tax Refund for Gina M. Rock in the amount of \$126.74.

Selectman Clark seconded.

2 yes (Tanaka & Clark) 0 No. Motion Carried

First Selectman Tanaka moved to approve Property Tax Refund for Alison Latinsics in the amount of \$117.35.

Selectman Clark seconded.

2 yes (Tanaka & Clark) 0 No. Motion Carried

First Selectman's Status Report

Figured out why water is coming into the building. Working with Public Works and the Building Department to drain the water better. Mitigation is in the works.

Pump at senior center has been delivered but not installed. Public Works and Senior Center working to maintain the remaining pump. Contract has been signed to maintain the system.

Public Works

DPW Director Troy Sposato reported a list of the items performed at Public Works recently:

Things done at Public Works

Cleaned off catch basins around Town.

Washed Trucks

Installed a half door in the Selectman's Admins office.

Cleaned gutters at the TOB.

Cleaned water up in Land use Office from the heavy rain.

Fixed catch basin on Nipmuck Rd.

Fixed washouts on few gravel roads.

Serviced pickup.

Trucks ready for snowstorm.

Cleaned shop.

Animal Control officer stated that the dog pound is no longer in compliance, roof is bad, Troy Sposato working on the gutters to get them cleaned out.

New Business

First Selectman Tanaka moved to accept the Resolution for the EMPG Grant. Document moved to Town Clerk for filing.

Selectman Clark Seconded

2 Yes (Tanaka, Clark) No 0. Motion Carried

Because we may need a new dog pound, animal control is an issue that Capitol Region Council of Governments is looking to regionalize Animal Control, Assessments, and Building Officials. First Selectman working with the town of Tolland, Stafford to start discussions.

Fire Department Engineering Costs- Board of Finance did not pass the motion, so we do not have to move on the motion at this time. Suggesting that we start a Fire Department Committee to assess the buildings

made up of members determined by the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Clark suggests encouraging members of the public to sign up for the committee.

Hull Forest project with Wilford Farms- Forestry Project. Mike D'Amato spoke on the project, temporary conservation easement needed. Access agreement to get to the parcel, they would like to perform a select timber harvest as they did in 2014. Only difference is the last line to reference the approval granted by the Inland Wetlands committee for the project. Selectman Clark suggested review by an attorney. Austin Harmon – Forester in charge for Wilford Farms LLC spoke on the project, stating all permits were approved, just need the Temporary Right of Way agreement to be approved by the Board of Selectman. Mike mentioned that the agreement does not need to be signed tonight, so it can be reviewed by building department attorneys.

First Selectman Tanaka made a motion to authorize Peter Tanaka to execute temporary right of way agreement with Hull Forest Products Inc. as presented.

Selectman Clark Seconded

2 Yes (Tanaka, Clark) 0 No. Passed- will sign pending legal review.

To see if the townspeople, based on the recommendation of the Board of Finance will appropriate \$71,950 from LoCIP to Account number 02-2027 DPW Overhead Garage Doors for five new overhead doors at the Public Works garage.

Selectman Clark Seconded

2 Yes (Tanaka, Clark) 0 No. Motion Carried

Old Business

Report from State Police:

December 2023 Monthly Report from Troop C: 302 calls to Troop C for service included 6 accidents, 6 criminal investigations, 1 burglary, 0 larcenies, 176 non-reportable matters and 6 arrests. Motor vehicle enforcement included 107 total traffic stops, 3 onsite DUI's, 3 arrests, 1 misdemeanor summons, 3861 infractions, 7 written warnings, 36 verbal warnings.

Selectman Clark inquired about Emergency Management System- looking into getting sign on information for appropriate staff to get trained on system. If we have a big emergency, Tolland County (TN) mutual aid will send out an alert.

Present to Speak

Steph Summers encouraging townspeople to attend Town Meeting and support Volunteer Firefighter Tax Abatement.

First Selectman Tanaka moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM.

Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

3 Yes (Tanaka, Clark) 0 No. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Rittner
Recording Secretary
Town of Willington

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