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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
Lower Level Conference Room

July 2, 2018
6:30 P.M.

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

First Selectwoman Wiecenski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance: Selectmen Makuch & Blessington and residents. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Selectman Blessington moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2018 as written.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Makuch & Blessington) 0 No.

Present to Speak:

No one was present to speak.

Correspondence:

A list of correspondence was available at the meeting and in the Selectman's office.

First Selectman Status Report

The door in the lower level Land Use office has been replaced. There are a few small items that need to be finished as well as paint. The item will be removed from the list.

We are seeking bids for the front ramp and masonry on the Town Office Building. More information on this project is forthcoming.

The carpeting in the Town offices were cleaned over the weekend.

Public Works:

There is currently no report for Public Works.

The Public Works' crew has a plan for this coming weekend to set up a station near the MIDNEROC entrance to hand out new stickers to residents. They will be there on the following Wednesday as well. First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that the new bulky waste cards (that came in with taxes) are now in effect as well.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski to award the shimming contract to All States Materials Group (based off of the State bid) at \$75.00 per ton; totaling \$130,172 as recommended by the Director of Public Works. Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Makuch & Blessington) 0 No.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to award the chip seal contract to New England Asphalt Services from Northford, CT as per their bid of \$445.00 per standard ton of asphalt and \$1.36 / per square yard; total \$117,829.18 based off of the State bid and on the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

Selectwoman Makuch seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Makuch & Blessington) 0 No.

New Business

A. Button Hill Solar Project

Don Berg, member of the Willington Housing Authority was present. He presented the Selectmen with a preliminary map of the Senior Complex on Senior Way. The map depicts the Button Hill Lease Line as well as a 200 foot zoning setback. He would like to add ground mount solar panels in three areas, which are outside of the lease line. He stated that the complex has solar panels on some of the roofs but thinks the ground panels will be less expensive.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski asked if special approvals would be needed and also, where the funding would be coming from? Mr. Berg then stated that he hasn't gotten that far yet, but is not looking for funding from the town. He noted the reason he is here is to see how the Selectmen feel about putting the solar outside of the lease line.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that she would like to get a rendering of what this would look like with more details. Robert Shabot added that they should also look into portions that were designated as open space.

Selectwoman Makuch stated that she would like to see this on a real map to see what the purpose of the 200 foot setback.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski asked if Mr. Berg could bring in a full plan so the Selectmen can review and discuss further.

B. Summer Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

First Selectwoman Wiecenski asked Selectman Blessington if the Selectmen have ever cancelled any meetings during the summer due to conflicts with vacations? Selectman Blessington stated that they had over the past few years. Selectwoman Makuch stated that her vacation does not seem to conflict with any of the meetings during the summer months.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski suggested canceling the August 6 meeting, unless something big comes up.

C. Flags on the Town Green

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that resident Phil Monty had requested to see more flags along the Town Green; adding them to the Library and also to the Town Offices. Mr. Monty said he would be happy to donate towards the flags and would also seek donations to put towards them.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that currently the Town Green has four flags along the green. She told Mr. Monty that we would have to see if there is any special permission to do so.

Selectman Blessington stated that we would have to take in consideration that there are several residences along the way, and we would have to see if the residents would want that.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that it sounds nice, until you start to think about where they will go because it can get tricky. Selectman Blessington stated that we also need to see if the poles are all on the same side of the road along Old Farms Road; which has residences amongst the school, Fire Department and Town Office Building.

First Selectwoman Wiecenski stated that we will research a little further.

D. Tax Refunds

First Selectwoman Wiecenski moved to refund \$65.30 to Willington Equestrian Center, LLC (c/o Ruth Gilman) for an overpayment.

Selectman Blessington seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 Yes (Wiecenski, Makuch & Blessington) 0 No.

Good & Welfare

First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that Eileen Smith has resigned as CIP Recording Secretary. Robin Campbell has reached out to Todd Szabo to see if he is interested in the position. He will be appointed in the future. The Selectmen thanked Ms. Smith for serving on the CIP commission – she did a wonderful job.

Phil Stevens has officially begun as Superintendent. First Selectwoman Wiecenski welcomed him to the Town Office Building.

Halls Pond has officially opened. Passes are available in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Summer Camp is starting back up -- it is the first time since 2011 and will begin on July 9th and will run for 4 weeks.

We are in a new fiscal year, which began today. First Selectwoman Wiecenski wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

Lastly, First Selectwoman Wiecenski noted that our community has lost two residents in the past week:

Doreen (Masinda) Lyon passed away last Wednesday, June 27th. She was a lifetime resident of Willington and our Assistant Town Clerk, Maureen Gantick's sister. Services will be held on Thursday, July 5th. First Selectwoman Wiecenski expressed condolences to the Masinda family.

Samuel Tharp was killed in a motorcycle accident early Saturday morning. He was only 21 years old. His family lives down the street from the Town Office Building. – Please keep him in your prayers.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Campbell
Administrative Assistant