

Board of Selectmen
Minutes
October 7, 2013

6:45 p.m.: Refreshments & Reception in Honor of John G. Groppo

7:00 p.m.: Presentation Ceremony in Honor of John G. Groppo

Item 1. Call to Order: (Turn your cell phones off)

Meeting called to order by Mayor Welcome at 7:00p.m.

Attendance: Sel. Albanesius, Sel. Closson, Sel. DiVita, Sel. Fracasso, Sel. Perez, Sel. Renzullo, Sel. Welcome

Town Manager, Dale Martin, Finance Director, Robin Manuele, Public Works Director, Neil Amwake
Town Attorney, Kevin Nelligan entered the room later in the evening.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3. Agenda Review

Motion by Sel. Closson, seconded by Sel. Perez

To add to the agenda "Discussion/possible action regarding the Town Finances."
UNANIMOUS

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

(A) Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 16, 2013.

Motion by Sel. Closson, seconded by Sel. DiVita

To approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013 regular meeting.

YES (6)

NO (1) Sel. Welcome

Item 5. Public Hearings/Special Presentations

(A) Presentation by Representatives of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

A presentation by Art Melycher was made on behalf of the Persons with Disabilities Commission.

Item 6. Correspondence

Motion by Sel. Closson, seconded by Sel. Perez

To move Neil Hunt (R) from an alternate position on the Zoning Board of Appeals to a seated member with a term to expire December 2017 to fill the vacancy left by Richard Nalette.

YES (4)

NO (3) Sel. Renzullo, Sel. Albanesius, Sel. Fracasso

The Town Attorney entered the room at 7:20p.m.

Sel. Closson read a letter of resignation to the Board from Clarice Stevens who is resigning from the Water Level Committee.

Sel. Closson placed into nomination Willard Platt (U) as a member of the Water Level Committee to fill the vacancy left by Claire Stevens.

Sel. Closson placed into nomination the name of Ross Herzog as a member of the Pension Retirement Board for the Town of Winchester.

A presentation was made by Neil Amwake, Director of Public Works, explaining the process for Capital Improvements and the planning it takes.

Item 7. Finance Director's Report -

The Town Manager is to set up a meeting with Sel. Fracasso, Sel. Closson and Sel. Perez to discuss the various options regarding the Town's Financial.

Item 8. Unfinished Business

- (A) 13-054a Amendment of Section 170 – Membership in the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials and Proposed Resolution #13-06.

Motion by Sel. Closson, seconded by Sel. DiVita

I move that the Board of Selectmen amend Ordinance Sec. 135 to read: "Section 1. "Resolved that the Board of Selectmen hereby ratifies the action of the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials to join the Northwest Hills Council of Governments at their meeting of July 12, 2013 and, toward that end, the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials formally adopted Sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4-124j of the Connecticut General Statutes."

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Motion by Sel. Closson, seconded by Sel. Perez

I move that the Board of Selectmen adopt Resolution No. 13-06

UNANIMOUS

Item 9. New Business

- (A) 13-057 Amendment of Section 170-Concerning Property on which property taxes are past due.

Motion by Sel. Closson, seconded by Sel. DiVita

I move that the Board of Selectmen formally consider amending Ordinance Sec. 170.

YES (6)

NO (1) Sel. Renzullo

Proposed:

Be it ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Winchester, Connecticut that the following Ordinance is hereby adopted as follows:

- a. No building permit, certificate of occupancy, permit for excavation in a highway for purposes of installing a driveway or any other license or permit issued by the Town of Winchester shall be issued as to any real property on which there are past due property taxes, or water or sewer user fees.
- b. No building permit, certificate of occupancy, permit for excavation in a highway for purposes of installing a driveway or any other license or permit issued by the Town of Winchester shall be issued to any person or entity who owes past due personal property taxes to the Town of Winchester.
- c. The Building Official may grant an application without the satisfaction of the above certification if he certifies in writing, as part of the file, that an emergency exists affecting the health or safety of the occupants of a building upon which property the building application is sought.

Sel. Renzullo recused himself.

(B) 13-058 Waiver of Site Plan Approval Application Fee for 35 Willow Street.

Motion by Sel. seconded by Sel.

I move that the Board of Selectmen waive the re-payment of the site plan application fee for Laurel City Revamp (35 Willow Street) and issue a refund in the amount of \$160.00.

YES (5)

NO (1) Sel. Fracasso

Sel. Renzullo entered the room.

Item 10. Town Manager's Report

Item 11. Citizens' Comments

The Board of Selectmen welcome public comments but speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes or less and may speak only once.

Denise Mancini, Stephen Kosinsky, Jay Budahazy, James Roberts, Annio Nolan, Marsha Sterling, Brian O'Heron, Bill Pratt.

Item 12. Selectmen's comments and Reports - None

Item 13. Adjournment.

ATTEST: Sheila S. Sedlack, CTCA, CMC