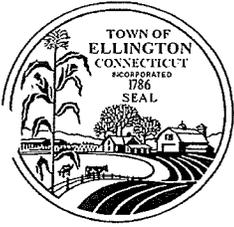


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JOHN W. TURNER

LORI L. SPIELMAN
First Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, September 12, 2016
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

Minutes

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Lori L. Spielman, Melinda M. Ferry, Aaron J. Foster, James M. Prichard, Ronald F. Stomberg, John W. Turner

SELECTMEN ABSENT: David E. Stavens

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer; Brian Greenleaf, Board of Education; Timothy Webb, Public Works Director/WPCA Administrator; Brent Moser, Tom Palshaw, Casimir Spytek

In Memoriam

Robert J. Clements, Chairman, Board of Finance

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen expresses its sorrow at the death of Robert J. Clements, Board of Finance Chairman.

Robert J. Clements died on Sunday, September 4, 2016 at the age of 75. He was a valuable member of the Board of Finance since 1994, serving as Chairman for more than 15 years. He will long be remembered for the contributions he made to the Town of Ellington. His passing is of great loss to family, friends and the citizens of Town of Ellington.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen conveys its respect and deepest sympathy to his wife Mary and family.

i. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Spielman called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. CITIZENS' FORUM

No citizens came forward.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 8, 2016 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FOSTER), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2016 WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT: PAGE 4, ITEM J. 2ND SENTENCE, SHOULD READ: "THE OWNER DOESN'T WISH TO RETAIN THE REMAINING LAND (56+/- ACRES) OR THE 10 PERCENT OF THE LAND THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED AS OPEN SPACE AND IS CONSIDERING DONATING THE LAND TO THE TOWN.; AND ADD AS NEXT SENTENCE, "THE LAND PROPOSED FOR DONATION IS OWNED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND MAY REMAIN ITS NATURAL STATE OR IMPROVED FOR PASSIVE RECREATION."

B. August 19, 2016 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2016.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sanding of Hotel Road and Hotel Lake Road

Ms. Spielman noted that for the Town to consider accepting a private road the property needs to be surveyed and the owners may have to turn over property for the right of way. Also, the right of way needs to be 40 to 50 feet wide to provide for utilities and signage.

Mr. Foster asked if a sanding truck would fit down Hotel Road and Hotel Lake Road. Mr. Webb said that a smaller truck would fit.

Ms. Spielman said that the Department of Public Works would continue to provide winter services on an emergency basis.

Mr. Spytek asked that an exception be made to the 50 foot right of way requirement as he claimed had been done on other unimproved Town roads.

Mr. Prichard described Mr. Spytek's road as more of a private driveway and asked how they plow it now. Mr. Spytek replied that they use snow blowers. Mr. Prichard suggested that the property owners pitch in and get a landscaper. Mr. Prichard said that the Town accepting these roads would set a precedent. Mr. Spytek replied that the Town already set a precedent by accepting 4 miles of unimproved roads.

Mr. Webb described the paperwork involved in accepting the road as well as the A2 survey that the residents would need to pay for.

Mr. Spytek claimed that the road was not private property and that no taxes were being paid on it. Mr. Prichard replied that someone owns the road and the property owners would have to find out who it is deeded to.

Mr. Foster asked if anyone parks on the road. Mr. Spytek replied that they do not and that there is room for Town vehicles to make turns.

Ms. Spielman noted that to have the road sanded by the residents would cost \$80 while having it resurveyed and paperwork would cost in the thousands.

Ms. Spielman tabled this agenda item until the next meeting.

B. 159 Jobs Hill Road

Ms. Spielman confirmed that the BOS wanted to pursue collecting the full amount of fees owed on this property, \$89,850.

V. NEW BUSINESS

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD UNDER NEW BUSINESS, ITEM I, AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE: LAND USE ASSISTANT.

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FOSTER), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,969.85 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2016. (ATTACHED)

B. Special License: Transfer Sled Pull – October 1, 2016 [Brent Moser]

Mr. Turner asked if high powered vehicles or street class vehicles would be pulling the sleds. Mr. Moser replied probably more street class vehicles. Mr. Turner asked if there would be proper separation of the crowd from the high powered machines. Mr. Moser replied that there would be.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ISSUE A SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE TO BRENT MOSER D.B.A. VALLEY TRUCK AND OFF ROAD, LLC FOR A TRANSFER SLED PULL EVENT TO BE HELD AT 43 LOWER BUTCHER ROAD, ELLINGTON, CT, ON OCTOBER 1, 2016 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M. FURTHER, THAT THE ISSUANCE OF THIS SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE IS CONTINGENT UPON THE APPROVAL OF ALL APPROPRIATE TOWN DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS.

C. Authorization to Hire: Assistant Town Clerk

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO HIRE AN ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED WITH THE RESIGNATION OF BONNIE ARMSTRONG.

D. Winterfest 2016

Ms. Spielman reported that she met with Winterfest organizers at the library. They are looking for new people to help out with Winterfest. She reported that the library would be open, the church would be open, there would be a lighting of a Christmas tree, and Santa Claus in the gazebo at Winterfest. The BOS will address the event approvals at the October 17 meeting.

E. Re-establish Ad Hoc Drug Free Graduation Party Committee

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FOSTER), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ESTABLISH THE AD HOC DRUG-FREE GRADUATION PARTY COMMITTEE FOR ANOTHER YEAR TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

F. Resignation: Robert Hoffman, Planning and Zoning Commission

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT, WITH REGRET, THE RESIGNATION OF ROBERT HOFFMAN FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

G. Board of Education – 2016 Wheelchair Van

Ms. Spielman asked why the Town was trading in a 2016 van for a 2016 van. Mr. Greenleaf said that the BOE took delivery of a van with the wrong specifications – it is an even exchange.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FOSTER), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SIGN THE TITLE FOR THE 2016 GMC SAVANA VAN WITH THE VIN NUMBER 1GDZ7PFF6G1240211 TO SCHULTZ FORD OF NANUET, NEW YORK FOR THE IN EXCHANGE FOR A 2016 FORD TRANSIT WHEELCHAIR VAN FOR THE TOWN.

H. Disposal of DPW Dump Truck

Mr. Foster asked why the DPW was disposing of the dump truck. Mr. Webb replied that it was the one in most need of repairs and DPW just obtained a new dump truck.

Mr. Prichard asked the mileage of the truck they are disposing. Mr. Webb replied that it had about 85,000 miles.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO DISPOSE OF THE 2002 INTERNATIONAL 36,000 GVW TRUCK WITH AN ALL SEASON DUMP BODY AS REQUESTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IN HIS MEMO DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2016.

I. Authorization to Hire: Land Use Assistant

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FOSTER), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO HIRE A LAND USE ASSISTANT TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED WITH THE RESIGNATION OF TROY CIESCO.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: So noted.

- A. Building Department
- B. Emergency Services
 - 1. Resident State Trooper's Office
 - 2. Emergency Management Director
 - 3. Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps
 - 4. Ellington Volunteer Fire Department
- C. Fire Marshal
- D. Hall Memorial Library
- E. Tax & Revenue Collector
- F. Town Planner

VII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Personnel Committee:

1. Resignations

None.

2. Appointments

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (FERRY), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT JONATHAN MOSER AS AN ALTERNATE ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

B. Other

Ms. Ferry brought up blight issues on Sadds Mill Road and said that the First Selectman has put restoration into motion.

Mr. Stomberg said that none of the Town's departments feel as if blight control is their job. Ms. Ferry replied that the Building Official can deal with blight. Mr. Stomberg refuted this.

VIII. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

A. New Hires

- Mark Samsel, Police Officer
- Spencer Hutchinson, WPCA Technician/Maintainer I

B. Resignations/ Retirement

- Joseph Amodio, Senior Center Custodian
- Bonnie Armstrong, Assistant Town Clerk
- Troy Ciesco, Land Use Technician

C. Other

The First Selectman reported on the Crystal Lake Milfoil Report including project hours and amount of milfoil removed. Mr. Foster asked if the Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee has monthly meetings. Mr. Turner replied that the Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee meets more often than quarterly.

The First Selectman reported that on September 10 she attended the Wall of Honor ceremony in Arbor Park where Alfred Schindler was added to the wall.

The First Selectman reported that on September 10 she participated in the Fireman's Parade. Mr. Turner reported that attendance was down.

The First Selectman reported that on October 1 there will be a crumbling foundations meeting at Ellington High School.

The First Selectman reported that the Town of Ellington is now the owner of the Hall property on Crystal Lake at 10 Hall Road. She volunteered to knock on neighbor's doors and see if anyone was interested in obtaining the property.

The First Selectman reported that the Ellington Events magazine had gone out and that she was sending thank you cards to the advertisers.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Town of Tolland, Director of Public Safety re: EVFD, CLFD, and EVAC

Letters of thanks dated August 30, 2016 from John C. Littell, Town of Tolland Fire Chief to EVFD, CLFD and EVAC re: Mutual Aid.

B. Leo Miller

Letter of thanks dated September 1, 2016 from former Selectman, Leo Miller to Lori Spielman.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (FOSTER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 8:17 P.M.

Submitted by


Joseph Tarzi

Approved by


Lori L. Spielman

