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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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Deputy First Selectman

MELINDA M. FERRY  
A. LEO MILLER, JR.  
DAVID E. STAVENS  
RONALD F. STOMBERG  
JOHN W. TURNER

LORI L. SPIELMAN  
First Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Monday, May 9, 2016  
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Lori L. Spielman, Melinda M. Ferry, James M. Prichard, David E. Stavens, Ronald F. Stomberg, John W. Turner

SELECTMEN ABSENT: A. Leo Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr., Finance Officer/Treasurer;  
Perry Dikeman

## I. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Spielman called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. CITIZENS' FORUM: No citizens came forward.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 11, 2016 Public Hearing

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2016.

B. April 11, 2016 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2016.

C. April 25, 2016 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2016.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

V. NEW BUSINESS

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO THE AGENDA UNDER NEW BUSINESS, ITEM F. DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES – BOARD OF EDUCATION VANS AND ITEM G. WAIVE BID PROCESS FOR REMOVAL AND MAPPING/TESTING OF VARIABLE WATER MILFOIL FROM CRYSTAL LAKE.

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$254.41 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2016. [ATTACHED]

B. Parachute Activity at Ellington Airport/Annual Review

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY THAT THE LICENSE TO PERMIT PARACHUTE JUMPING AT ELLINGTON AIRPORT BE RENEWED FOR ONE YEAR.

C. Grant Permanent Status: Gail Moran, Accounting/Payroll Specialist

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT PERMANENT STATUS TO GAIL MORAN BASED ON THE CORRESPONDENCE OF MAY 9, 2016 FROM NICHOLAS DICORLETO.

D. Crystal Lake Fire Department Tanker Truck Lease

Mr. Turner asked if they were using the same leasing company they used in the past. Mr. DiCorleto said that they were.

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

RESOLVED, whereas the governing body of the Town of Ellington has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of the Tanker Truck for the Crystal Lake Fire Department (Equipment) presented to this meeting: and has further determined that the Equipment will be used solely for essential governmental functions and not for private business use.

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Town of Ellington has taken the necessary steps, including any legal bidding requirements, under applicable law to arrange for the acquisition of such equipment.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Town of Ellington that the terms of said Lease-Purchase Agreement and Escrow Agreement are in the best interest of the Town of Ellington for the acquisition of such Equipment, and the governing body designates and confirms Lori Spielman, First Selectman, as the person to execute and deliver, and to witness (or attest), respectively, Leasing 2 Inc. Lease-Purchase Agreement and Escrow Agreement and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Lease-Purchase Agreement and Escrow Agreement.

E. Re-establish Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ESTABLISH THE AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE FOR ANOTHER YEAR TO MAY 31, 2017.

F. Disposal of Vehicles – Board of Education Vans

Mr. Stavens asked how the vehicles were being disposed. Ms. Spielman responded that they were being auctioned.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO DISPOSE OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD OF EDUCATION VEHICLES: VAN 26 – 2007 DODGE CARAVAN SE, VAN 27 – 2007 DODGE CARAVAN SE AND MAIL VAN – 2003 CHRYSLER VOYAGER.

G. Waive Bid Process for Removal and Mapping/Testing of Variable Water Milfoil from Crystal Lake

Mr. Turner spoke in favor of staying with the current vendors as they've displayed a lot of competence. Ms. Spielman agreed.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STOMBERG), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO WAIVE THE BIDS FOR THE PROJECT OF MILFOIL REMOVAL AND MAPPING/TESTING AT CRYSTAL LAKE THAT WILL EXCEED \$25,000 TO OUR LONGSTANDING VENDORS, NEW ENGLAND AQUATIC SERVICES OF SHERMAN, CT AND NORTHEAST AQUATIC RESEARCH OF MANSFIELD, CT THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS MILFOIL PROJECT SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2009.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Building Department

B. Emergency Services

1. Resident State Trooper's Office
2. Emergency Management Director: Ms. Spielman reported that the Emergency Management Advisory Council held a meeting on May 9, 2016.
3. Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps: Ms. Spielman reported that the EVAC started driver training on May 9, 2016. Mr. Turner noted that volunteer hours are being supplemented by paid staff due to a lack of volunteers. Mr. Turner objected to the EVAC's procedure of counting patients while most emergency services count incidents.
4. Ellington Volunteer Fire Department: Ms. Spielman reported that firefighters had spent over 1200 hours preparing the new firehouse at 6 Nutmeg Drive.

C. Fire Marshal

D. Hall Memorial Library: Ms. Spielman was amazed at how many great events Hall Memorial Library puts on. Mr. Turner noted that the library was good for the community.

E. Tax & Revenue Collector: Ms. Spielman noted that Ann Marie Conti was doing a great job in the Tax & Revenue Collector's office.

- F. Town Planner: Ms. Spielman reported that the Town Planner has been busy with many smaller projects.

## VII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel Committee:
1. Resignations
  2. Appointments

MOVED (FERRY), SECONDED (STAVENS), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT DAVID ARZT, J. ALBERT BRETON, JR., JEAN BURNS, RODGER HOSIG AND WILLIAM MERSON TO THE AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING MAY 31, 2017.

MOVED (FERRY), SECONDED (STAVENS), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT MIRANDA GRAZIANI TO THE AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE AS A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.

MOVED (FERRY), SECONDED (STAVENS), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT NICHOLAS PINA TO THE AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE AS A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.

MOVED (FERRY), SECONDED (STAVENS), AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT TED C. GRAZIANI TO THE AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016.

- B. Other

## VIII. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS

## IX. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

- A. Staff

1. Promotion:
  - Karen Vaiciulis from Administrative Assessment Technician to Deputy Assessor
1. New Hires:
  - Jefferson Smith, EMT/Driver-Per-Diem
  - Thomas Carriere, EMT/Driver-Per-Diem
  - Caitlin Connelly, EMT/Driver-Per-Diem
  - Laura Goulet, EMT/Driver-Per-Diem
  - Brett Sherman, DPW Seasonal Worker
  - Ryan Michaud, DPW Seasonal Worker

- B. Other

The First Selectman reported that the Annual Town Budget Meeting is May 10 at 8:00 P.M. at the High School.

The First Selectman reported that negotiations have begun for the Police Union Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The First Selectman reported that the Connecticut Coalition Against Crumbling Basements held an informational session at the Ellington High School on April 30. Mr. Turner noted that Becker Construction had acknowledged that pyrite may have been a contributing factor to crumbling foundations. Ms. Ferry asked if there is an estimate of how many homes are affected. Ms. Spielman replied that a lot of people are afraid to come forward.

The First Selectman reported that she attended the formal open house and dedication ceremony for Fire Station 243 on Saturday, April 30.

The First Selectman reported that she attended the Pinney Field Opening Ceremony on Saturday, April 30. She recognized Boy Scout Matthew Tuttle for the Eagle Scout Service project he completed for the Pinney Fields.

The First Selectman reported that she attended the Relay for Life Opening Ceremony on Saturday, April 30.

The First Selectman reported that she attended the Holi Celebration at the Hall Memorial Library on May 7.

The First Selectman reported that the Ellington Farmers Market opened for the season on May 7.

The First Selectman reported that Public Works will host an Open House on Thursday, May 26 from 4:00-6:00 PM.

The First Selectman reported that she attended a meeting of the Crystal Lake Association on May 4 at the Old Crystal Lake Schoolhouse. She further reported that residents on East Shore Road have requested speed humps. Ms. Spielman reported that she had asked Sgt. Santa about a satellite office at Crystal Lake.

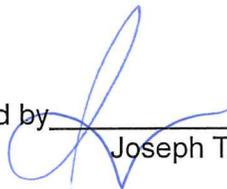
The First Selectman reported that the Memorial Day Parade activities will be on May 30, 2016. Crystal Lake begins at 9:00 a.m, Ellington Center begins at 10:30 a.m., and a program at Ellington High School will follow at approximately 11:30 a.m.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 7:59 P.M.

Submitted by

  
Joseph Tarzi

Approved by

  
Lori L. Spielman

