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BOARD OF FINANCE

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MICHAEL D. VARNEY

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 MINUTES

Members Present: J. Rachek-Chair, P. Busse, D. Harding, D. Olender, B. Pinto, M. Varney

Others Present: F. LaPlante-Asst. Finance Officer, L. Spielman-First Selectman, Dr. Nicol-Supt of Schools, B. Greenleaf-Dir of Finance & Opers, Selectmen Prichard and Stavens, Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission, Residents, JI Reporter

1. Call to Order

Chairman John Rachek called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

MOVED (PINTO) SECONDED (OLENDER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD EXECUTIVE SESSION TO THE AGENDA FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PROPERTY ACQUISITION.

Chairman John Rachek called for a moment of silence to remember Mary Clements who passed away recently. She was the wife of the former Board of Finance Chairman Robert Clements and was on the library board for many years.

2. Citizen's Forum – non-agenda items

None

3. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 7, 2018

MOVED (PINTO) SECONDED (HARDING) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2018 AS WRITTEN. Peg Busse asked to revise the last sentence of the paragraph under Purchase of Property on page 2 to Peg Busse stated that under executive session rules, a motion and vote should have been made after coming out of executive session.

MOVED (VARNEY) SECONDED (OLENDER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 7, 2018 MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED.

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of August 21, 2018

MOVED (HARDING) SECONDED (OLENDER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2018 AS WRITTEN.

4. Additional Appropriations

Correction to Motion of February 6, 2018 for NCLT Bellante Property, Town Contribution from \$40,000 to \$30,000.

MOVED (OLENDER) SECONDED (BUSSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RESCIND MOTION MADE ON FEBRUARY 6, 2018 THAT THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHERN CONNECTICUT LAND TRUST INC. (NCLT) FOR THE PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF THE BELLANTE PROPERTY, A 37-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 14 SANDY BEACH ROAD IN ELLINGTON TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC FOR PASSIVE RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000; \$36,000 SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH A CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE GRANT; \$14,000 CONTRIBUTED FROM A FORMER NCLT DIRECTOR; AND THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON WILL CONTRIBUTE \$40,000. THE TOWN'S FUNDING WILL COME FROM THE OPEN SPACE FUND ACCOUNT.

MOVED (VARNEY) SECONDED (HARDING) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHERN CONNECTICUT LAND TRUST INC. (NCLT) FOR THE PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF THE BELLANTE PROPERTY, A 37-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 14 SANDY BEACH ROAD IN ELLINGTON TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC FOR PASSIVE RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000; \$36,000 SHALL BE FUNDED THROUGH A CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE GRANT; \$14,000 CONTRIBUTED FROM A FORMER NCLT DIRECTOR; AND THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON WILL CONTRIBUTE \$30,000. THE TOWN'S FUNDING WILL COME FROM THE OPEN SPACE FUND ACCOUNT.

5. Financial Statements

Felicia LaPlante passed out the following items for review. 2018-19 Budget Execution, Trash Collection Fee memo for 2018-19, Financial Statements and Tree Trimming Removal and Maintenance Services bid results.

6. New Business

To consider and act on a resolution recommending an appropriation and borrowing authorization for recommending an appropriation and borrowing authorization for various athletic facility improvements at Ellington High School and related improvements, work and acquisitions.

The Chairman opened up the floor for comments. Residents spoke both for and against the Turf Field project stating various items such as cost, health issues, maintenance, lighting and longer use of the field during the year. Several residents urged the Board of Finance to send this to a referendum so that all residents have the opportunity to be represented. Ms. Busse

stated that there will be another Public Hearing on October 23, 2018 for residents to voice their opinions and urged those in the room to make sure the public knows about this.

Mr. Rachek stated that the State Bond Commission has approved the grant so that the funding is guaranteed. He also stated his concern for the taxpayers as well as other needs in town. He stated that the Town of Simsbury had to replace their field after 7 years of multi-sport use. First Selectman, Lori Spielman stated that the Town of Ellington will not plow the turf field.

Mr. Rachek told the Board that the town's people should be allowed to vote for this and that his opinion is to see it through to a referendum.

MOVED (BUSSE) SECONDED (VARNEY) AND PASSED (VOTE; BUSSE, HARDING, OLENDER, RACHEK, VARNEY AYE; PINTO NAY)

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE \$2,625,000 FOR COSTS RELATED TO VARIOUS ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AT ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND RELATED WORK AND ACQUISITIONS, CONTEMPLATED TO INCLUDE: (A) CONVERSION OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD TO ARTIFICIAL TURF, (B) INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING FOR THE FOOTBALL FIELD, THE EAST SIDE PRACTICE FIELD, AND THE TENNIS COURTS, (C) IRRIGATION SYSTEM INSTALLATION, (D) FENCING INSTALLATION, (E) STORM WATER MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS, (F) INSTALLATION OF A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STORAGE SHED, (G) ACQUISITION OF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT AND A SERVICE VEHICLE, AND (H) RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, WORK, AND ACQUISITIONS, WHICH TO THE EXTENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, ADDITIONAL BLEACHERS, AND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT STORAGE BUILDINGS. IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED SUBSTANTIALLY AS DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT DEVELOPED BY THE FUSS & O'NEILL DESIGN BUILD SERVICES, LLC, DATED OCTOBER 2016 AND ENTITLED "ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD ARTIFICIAL TURF CONVERSION AND LIGHTING PROJECT". THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO DETERMINE THE SCOPE AND PARTICULARS OF THE PROJECT, AND TO REDUCE OR MODIFY THE PROJECT SCOPE; AND THE ENTIRE APPROPRIATION MAY BE SPENT ON THE PROJECT AS SO REDUCED OR MODIFIED. THE APPROPRIATION MAY BE SPENT FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND INSTALLATION COSTS; SITE IMPROVEMENTS; INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; EQUIPMENT, FURNISHINGS, AND MATERIALS; ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, CONSULTANT, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES INCLUDING LEGAL FEES; ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, INCLUDING COSTS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS; THE PAYMENT OF NET TEMPORARY INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCING COSTS; AND OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROJECT OR ITS FINANCING. THE TOWN ANTICIPATES RECEIVING A \$1,000,000 STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT TO DEFRAY IN PART THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROJECT.

FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDS THAT THE TOWN AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF \$2,625,000 BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION, THE AMOUNT OF BONDS OR NOTES AUTHORIZED TO BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF GRANTS RECEIVED FOR THE PROJECT AND NOT SEPARATELY APPROPRIATED TO PAY PROJECT APPROPRIATION.

7. Old Business

BOE Unexpended Fund Account

A draft agreement was distributed tonight. It was decided to take action on this at next month's meeting. Mr. Varney asked Dr. Nicol if this impacted anything operational for him and he stated that it will not and that it only delays some financial bookkeeping. He will ask the Board of Education to approve this document even though they have already approved the account.

8. Liaison Reports

None

Executive Session

For the purposes of discussing property acquisition.

MOVED (PINTO) SECONDED (HARDING) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PROPERTY ACQUISITION AT 9:30 PM.

Present: John Rachek, Barry Pinto, Douglas Harding, David Olender, Michael Varney, Peg Busse, Felicia LaPlante, Lori Spielman, Lori Smith

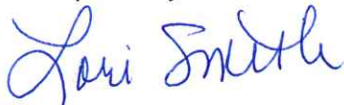
The Board of Finance came out of executive session at 9:40 pm.

MOVED (HARDING) SECONDED (BUSSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO COME OUT EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:40 PM.

Adjournment

MOVED (OLENDER) SECONDED (HARDING) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:41.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith
Recording Secretary