

APPROVED MINUTES AS OF 05/20/09
CANTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wednesday, May 6, 2009 Regular Meeting
Community Center, Conference Room B, 7:00 PM

Selectman Present: First Selectman, Richard Barlow; Selectman: Marc Cerniglia, Shirley Krompegal and Mary Tomolonius

Absent: David Gilchrist

Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer, Robert Skinner and Executive Assistant to CAO, Michelle Schroder

First Selectman Richard Barlow called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. R. Barlow stated that Selectmen Gilchrist was absent due to his attendance at a Special Charter Revision Commission Meeting.

MOTION: R. Barlow moved to add **A. Appointment of Arthur Fournier as an Alternate Moderator for the May 11, 2009 Annual Budget Meeting** under agenda item III. Resignations / Appointments. M. Tomolonius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. RESIGNATIONS / APPOINTMENTS – *Consideration of and possible action on the following proposed appointments / resignations:*

RESIGNATIONS:

A. Resignation of Charles Latvis from the Planning Commission – The Board acknowledged the resignation of Charles Latvis from the Planning Commission.

APPOINTMENTS:

A. Appointment of Arthur Fournier as an Alternate Moderator for the May 11, 2009 Annual Budget Meeting – R. Barlow reviewed that the all appointed and alternate moderator's were unavailable for this meeting. MOTION: M. Tomolonius moved to appoint Arthur Fournier as an Alternate Moderator for the May 11, 2009 Annual Budget Meeting. S. Krompegal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS – None.

V. CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS – *Consideration of and possible action on the following items:*

A. Consideration regarding Application for the Clean Energy Fund Block Grant – R. Skinner stated that the Energy Task Force is the local entity that coordinates expenditures for the Clean Energy Fund Block Grant. This is in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the town and the state. It was requested that in lieu of the Energy Task Force having been dissolved, that the Conservation Commission become the entity coordinating the funds with main contact being the Chief Administrative Officer. MOTION: M. Tomolonius moved to modify the MOU by replacing the Energy Task Force to the Conservation Commission with all expenditures to be reviewed and approved by the Chief Administrative Officer. It was discussed that a letter will be forwarded to the State to inform them of these changes along with the main contact person being the Chief Administrative Officer. S. Krompegal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

B. Consideration regarding Application for the Clean Energy Fund Feasibility Study Grant – K. Wassall stated that expertise by an outside consultant will be requested through this grant. It will be to prepare a feasibility study of the potential of the Upper and Lower Collins Company Dams to generate hydroelectric power. It was stated that this is not a matching grant and is less than \$100,000 which does not require town meeting approval. MOTION: M. Tomolonius moved to apply for the Clean Energy Fund Feasibility Study Grant in the amount of \$50,000 and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the application. S. Krompegal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

C. Acceptance of Farmington River Enhancement Grant – It was stated that this is an in-kind services matching grant. MOTION: S. Krompegal moved to place the Farmington River Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$100,000 on the next town meeting agenda for approval. Discussion followed regarding a possible

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date of June 3, 2009 for a special town meeting. M. Tomolonius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

D. Alarm Ordinance – R. Skinner reviewed the original alarm ordinance that focused solely on fire alarms. Discussion followed regarding ordinance #216 pertaining to the appeal process. It was stated that a private security alarm requires a town permit in the amount of \$25. Registration of current alarms, the application of new alarms, “good faith” calls and the procedure pertaining to fines were discussed. It was questioned whether the list of alarm registrations are subject to FOI. Discussion followed regarding the disclosure of the alarm holder list. MOTION: M. Cerniglia moved to TABLE this agenda item until the next Board meeting. M. Tomolonius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

E. Consideration to Purchase a Replacement Mower for DPW – R. Skinner stated that the 34 HP Excel Hustler riding lawnmower is in need of numerous repairs. It has been determined that there are aluminum chips in the hydraulic system. The estimated cost to repair the mower is \$6,500. The mower is not currently covered by warranty. The manufacturer has agreed to sell the town a new mower at a reduced price of \$4,800 that would have a 31 HP Kawasaki engine. The retail value of the new mower would be \$12,259.00. The mower would come with a new two year warranty (three year on frame and hoses). Discussion followed regarding vehicle maintenance logs. MOTION: M. Cerniglia moved to approve the purchase of new mower for \$4,800. S. Krompegal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

F. Transfer of Funds Pursuant to Charter Section 6-4(b) – MOTION: S. Krompegal moved to transfer funds as presented in the memorandum pursuant to Charter Section 6-4(b). M. Cerniglia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

G. Refund of Taxes Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 12-129 – MOTION: S. Krompegal moved to approve the issuance of tax refunds in the amounts and to the individuals named on the “2nd Half of April 2009 Tax Refunds to be Approved”, as certified by the Tax Collector, a list of which is attached hereto. M. Tomolonius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

MOTION: R. Barlow moved to add item **A. Resignation of Mary E. Fletcher as Administrative Assistant in the Senior Services Department** to the agenda. M. Tomolonius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

MOTION: S. Krompegal moved to reluctantly accept the resignation of Mary E. Fletcher as Administrative Assistant in the Senior Services Department. The Board expressed their gratitude for M. Fletcher’s years of service to the town. M. Tomolonius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

The consensus of the Board was to address agenda item II. Public Participation.

II. Public Participation – Duncan Broatch stated that he wrote a letter to the Board regarding the hydroelectric project and it has been included in the Boards packet. R. Barlow stated that an Advisory Committee has been appointed by the Board that will review the needs of the hydroelectric project. D. Broatch explained the involvement with Summit Hydro, Inc., his company, the process regarding FERC licenses and how much money he has invested in creating hydroelectric power at the dams. M. Cerniglia inquired about the lapse of time regarding the license permit that Summit Hydro, Inc. held pertaining to the Collinsville Upper and Lower Dams and the start of any construction by Summit Hydro. D. Broatch encouraged the Board to review his letter thoroughly. R. Barlow stated that at the advice of the town’s Hydroelectric consultant the town has moved forward with acquiring a FERC license without the assistance of Summit Hydro.

VI. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A. Board of Selectmen Minutes 04/15/09 Regular Meeting – M. Cerniglia requested that his full statement be included in the minutes under agenda item VII. Remarks by Selectmen, second paragraph. Also, within the second paragraph, it was requested that the fourth line read, “His point was that the fundamentals of the United States were founded on Christian values *not communism, not socialism or any other set of values as a matter of historical content*”. MOTION: S. Krompegal moved to approve the regular meeting minutes dated April 15, 2009 of the Board of Selectmen as amended. M. Tomolonius seconded the motion. The motion passed, 3-1-0, with M. Tomolonius opposing.

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B. Board of Selectmen Minutes 04/29/09 Special Meeting – MOTION: S. Krompegal moved to approve the special meeting minutes dated April 29, 2009 of the Board of Selectmen as presented. M. Cerniglia seconded the motion. The motion passed, 4-0-0.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CAO, TOWN AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS AND/OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS

A. First Selectman's Report – R. Barlow expressed his pride in the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Education and Board of Finance for working together to produce a zero increase in taxes for the public. R. Barlow attended a CRCOG meeting last week with discussion regarding the proposed stimulus packages. He attended a recent MidConn Advisory Committee meeting, Farmington Valley Collaborative meeting and will be attending a Regional Dispatch meeting tomorrow. R. Barlow will continue to update the Board regarding the H1N1 virus. Discussion followed regarding paramedic services for the town. There is an average of 350 calls per year. R. Skinner has a meeting this week regarding the town's options for paramedic services. R. Barlow attended a meeting with R. Skinner at the capital regarding the Collinsville Upper and Lower Dams. The meeting was attended by MDC and their attorneys and was hosted by Senator Witkos and Representative LeGeyt. R. Barlow stated that there will be a stakeholder meeting, requested by Congressman Chris Murphy, at the Community Center in Conference Room B at 11:00 AM on May 11, 2009 regarding this issue. It was requested that an email be sent to the Board members regarding this meeting.

B. CAO Report – R. Skinner distributed the approved Code of Ethics along with an Acknowledgment Form to all Board members. Two handouts regarding the proposed Regional Dispatch Center were distributed to the Board for informational purposes. R. Skinner stated that the recent outbreak of the H1N1 virus has been treated as an emergency management exercise for the town. R. Skinner stated that an FOI request has been received by the Taxpayers Association of Canton requesting all information and correspondence from January 1, 2008 to the present regarding the revaluations. R. Skinner reviewed the resignation of M. Fletcher as Administrative Assistant in the Senior Services Department. It was inquired to the whether the department should maintain the two part time positions or merge into a full time position. M. Tomolonius stated that the two part time positions are critical to the department for consistent coverage including a cost savings in benefits. The consensus of the Board was to maintain the two part time positions in the Senior Services Department. R. Skinner reviewed the recommendations of the Kasznay's Building Inspection Service, LLC that evaluated four municipal sites for installing a solar panel. The selected site is the Water Pollution Control Facility.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter Dated 04/17/09 from the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association – For informational purposes only.

2. Letter Dated 05/01/09 from Duncan S. Broatch – The Board discussed D. Broatch's letter and presentation to the Board. The consensus of the Board is that it is anticipated that professional services will be needed as the project proceeds and that D. Broatch should consider responding to any RFP's. No action was taken to engage D. Broatch's services per his letter.

VIII. REMARKS BY SELECTMEN – S. Krompegal inquired about the location of prisoners under the proposed regional dispatch center. R. Skinner stated that procedures for booking prisoners are being reviewed but one option would be that prisoners would be transported and kept in Avon.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – MOTION: S. Krompegal moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:10 p.m. M. Tomolonius seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Schroder, Clerk