

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOS MEETING

TOWN OF WESTBROOK, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
Via ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Bishop called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. In attendance included: First Selectman Bishop, Selectman Hall, and Selectman Fuchs, Donna Castracane, Director of Finance, Ken Butterworth, IT, Trooper Borelli, Chris Ehlert, BOF member, Trooper Buck, Dave Russell, Marine Patrol, Jill Brainerd, Facilities, John Rie, Chairman Harbor Commission, Don Izzo, Emergency Management Director, Harry Plaut, Harbor Master, Pat Marcarelli, COB, Vincent Gentile, Chief Jenkins, Don Harger, Kim Bratz, Tax Collector, Tony Cozza, BOF member, Vincent Gentile, John Riggio, Director of Public Works, Rich Annino, Director of Park & Rec, and approximately 12 audience members.

DISCUSSION ON 4TH OF JULY – Duck Island

The BOS had an extensive discussion on the incident on Duck Island (fireworks) over the 4th of July weekend. Participants in the discussion included Trooper Buck, Marine Patrol staff, other emergency responders and members of the public.

DEEP may be contacted at 860-424-3333 to report any incidents on Duck Island.

The consensus of the Board was to review the protocols for Duck Island and related matters relative to the 4th of July holiday in the Spring of 2021.

VEHICLE USE POLICY

A copy of the draft Vehicle Use policy was included in the BOS packet and discussed extensively.

Ms. Castracane will update the draft policy as discussed at the meeting and forward to the Town Attorney for further review. This item will appear on the 8/27/20 BOS agenda.

STATUS OF TAX COLLECTION

Mr. Bishop made a motion to add to the agenda and update from the Tax Collector. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bratz provided an update on the taxes collected. To date, approximately \$15 million has been collected.

Mr. Bishop made a motion to add to the agenda an update from the Emergency Management Director relative to the recent tropical storm. Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Izzo, Director of Emergency Management provided an update on the recent tropical storm. A full written report will be forwarded to the BOS.

Mr. Fuchs made a motion to schedule a Special meeting of the BOS in Executive Session to review emergency protocols/responses; i.e. emergency management, fire department. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hall reported that this type of discussion should be done in open session.

Mr. Fuchs amended the motion to schedule a Special meeting of the BOS (in public session) to review emergency protocols/responses; i.e. emergency management, fire department. Mr. Bishop seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Resignation – Don Harger – Hearing Violation Officer

Mr. Bishop made a motion to table the resignation of Don Harger, Hearing Violation officer. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Fuchs made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/23/20 BOS meeting (Regular Meeting). Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fuchs made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/23/20 BOS meeting (Executive Session Assessor). Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bishop made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/23/20 BOS meeting (Executive Session Constable). Mr. Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Bishop provided a report on:

- Auction of vehicles
- New Assessor
- CCM - Annual Meeting cancelled, Grant Finder program
- Animal Control Officer – regular reports provided to First Selectman
- Constable Contract – “Non-Meeting” of the BOS scheduled 8/26/20, 3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bishop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. Mr. Fuchs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest,

Suzanne Helchowski
Administrative Assistant

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First Selectman