

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL ROSE ROOM
OCTOBER 09, 2019
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Christine Goupil, Selectmen Jack Scherban, Tim Guerra and Carol Walter

Absent: Phillip Sengle

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

VISITORS

Carrie Allen spoke about the open house at the Little Red School House. The open house is scheduled for October 19, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2019, OCTOBER 02, 2019 & OCTOBER 03, 2019

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve the minutes from September 20, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 3 in favor (Scherban, Guerra and Goupil) and 1 abstention (Walter).

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve the minutes from October 02, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve the minutes from October 03, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 3 in favor (Walter, Guerra and Goupil) and 1 abstention (Scherban).

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no new resignations and appointments at this time.

ACCEPT THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU ENHANCEMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,588

David Melillo, Director of Human Services, informed the board that the town was awarded a grant from the State of Connecticut's Department of Children and Families, a Youth Services Bureau Enhancement Grant for \$8,588 for FY2020. The only requirement is that the town spends \$8,588 on youth services. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter to accept the Youth Services Bureau Enhancement Grant for \$8,588 for FY2020. The motion was unanimously approved.

CERC CONTRACT – CHARETTE SERVICES FOR THE PIERSON SCHOOL

The Pierson Future Use Committee approved a proposal from the CT Economic Resource Center (CERC) for Charette Services for the Pierson School. The public will have an opportunity at this time to provide input on the future use of the land and building. The charette is scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd. The time of the charette has not been determined. Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to approve the proposal from CERC in the amount of \$7,500 for Charette Services for the Pierson School Property. The cost of the charette will come out of professional services. The motion was unanimously approved.

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COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

Last week the board reviewed policies from the Town of Portland, West Hartford and Stratford. A draft policy was submitted to the board for review. The draft policy has been reviewed by the town attorney and Director of Public Works. The policy will help drive future road, sidewalk and bike planning & development for the town. Walter made a motion, seconded Scherban to table until next week to allow the board a chance to review the policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN MANAGER

Guerra provided an update to the board.

- SGR reported receiving a total of 45 applications for the position. SGR met with the search committee and narrowed down the candidates to 12-14. SGR will do a complete check on the finalists. The list will then be narrowed down to 3-5 final candidates.
- The search committee held a meeting last night with the Town Council candidates and updated them on the process.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

The board will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner at the Clinton Country Club.

Reported by Guerra

- The Park & Recreation Commission reported that even though Pierson School is closed, there is discussion on allowing Park & Rec to use the gym for basketball.
- Guerra attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Hot Stone Brick Oven Pizza located at 350 East Main Street.
- Guerra volunteered this past weekend at the Vineyard Half Marathon.

Reported by Scherban

- The Historical Society has rented a trolley for the October 19th open house at the Little Red School House. The trolley will leave and depart from the library. There will be no parking available on site.

Reported by Walter

- Walter provided a brief update on last night's meeting with the Town Manager Executive Search Committee.

Reported by Goupil

- Goupil debriefed the board on yesterday's meeting with DEEP, FEMA, NRCS, CDR Maguire, DTC and CT Water Company. GM2 presented the hydraulics report on the Morgan School Culvert. The town will need guidance from DEEP before it can proceed.

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- The town has received a reimbursement of \$183,000 from Hurricane Sandy. Those funds will go back into the general government. The town is anticipating receiving an additional \$359,000 for the federal share of this project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

Guerra made a motion, seconded by Scherban to add the Public Works Contract to the executive session. The motion was unanimously approved. Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to go into executive session at 7:33 pm and invite Mary Schettino. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board came out of executive session at 8:11 PM.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to approve the Public Service Employees Union Contract for the Public Works Department through June 30, 2020. The motion was unanimously approved.

Goupil thanked Public Works for their patience and commitment to the town.

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Walter to approve the Permanent Full-Time Non-Bargaining Employee Benefits agreement, Employee Agreement and side letter for Mary Schettino. The motion was unanimously approved.

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban to increase the 3 part time employee salaries by \$1.00. the motion was unanimously approved.

Scherban made a motion, seconded by Guerra to increase the part time salary for recording clerks by \$1.00. After some discussion the motion was rescinded to allow further research on the matter.

ADJOURN

Walter made a motion, seconded by Scherban and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino