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BOS – Minutes – 8.7.2023

The Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes of August 7, 2023.

Present: Curtis Rand, First Selectman; Christian Williams, Selectman; Donald Mayland, Selectman; Emily Egan, Secretary; members of the press and public.

The meeting was **called to order** at 5:00pm

C. Williams made a motion to **approve the agenda**. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

D. Mayland made a motion to **approve the minutes** of the June 5, 2023 Regular Meeting. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

First Selectman Report

C. Rand acknowledged the passing of three teenagers and former Lakeville Hose Company member, Pat Stanton, who passed away this summer and offered condolences to the families and friends.

New Business

- a. Barbara Bettigole, Chairman of TRAC, gave a brief update on the residential food waste program and its success. Each month the towns have collected increases in food waste, which lowered the amount of weight in garbage we are shipping. Reported volumes of food waste separation are estimated to have increased from 30,000 lbs. of food waste to approximately 58,000 lbs. since February. Two small restaurants have started participating in the program. B. Bettigole mentioned recent visits by TRAC to Woodbury and Southbury Transfer Stations to collect information on pay-as-you-throw and residential food waste programs and to see the creative ideas other stations are using to implement these programs. TRAC is interested in registering our community for Sustainable CT food waste & composting; registration is due mid-August. Sustainable CT is boosting its Community Match Fund grants for all food waste diversion and composting projects. TRAC would like to have more restaurants/commercial properties participate in the food waste program in the future.
- b. Ray McGuire, Chairman of the Pope Land Design Committee (PLDC), explained the progress that the committee has made since October 2021. The Committee has had over 25 meetings; including one with Planning & Zoning and one with the abutters. The RFP for concept plans was awarded to Phil Barlow of To Design/FHI Studio. Six concept plans were originally presented and the Committee narrowed it down to three concept plans, which they presented to the abutters and Planning & Zoning. After further deliberation, the Committee has decided on Concept Plan #6. All concept plans included 64 units for affordable housing and recreation fields. The Committee will meet with the non-profit town affordable housing groups in September, after which the next steps will be meetings with town land use commissions.
- c. Jennifer Kronholm-Clark, Chairman of the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission, advised the Selectmen that the updates to the Affordable Housing Plan have been finalized. The plan was adopted in 2018 and requires updates every five years. The most significant factor for updating the plan was due to the consistent waitlist of over 100 families for Salisbury Housing Committee rental properties in town. The main changes to the plan include updating the number of needed units from 75 to 100, addressing how the pandemic effected the market and building sustainably when it comes to construction. The Selectmen will table accepting the plan at this time.

- d. C. Rand has met with Cardinal Engineering to determine if any local infrastructure, including bridges, might be eligible for FEMA funding due to storm damage due to flooding in July. Cardinal is one of the firms selected by the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) and member towns to provide engineering services to local towns. Based on these visits there are no projects eligible for FEMA funds, but several bridges may be eligible for either the state or federal bridge programs, which cover between 50% and 100% of replacement costs. They propose conducting simple assessments on 12-13 town culverts and bridges to identify any long-term deficiencies that the structures may have, at a cost of \$1,500 each. Cardinal also recommends more complete bridge assessments of bridges at Brook Street, Walton Street and the large culvert on Salmon Kill to determine eligibility for the funding programs. D. Mayland made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,500 per bridge for 12-13 bridges included in the proposal from Cardinal Engineering. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. Approval of the 3 in-depth assessments will be taken up at a future meeting.

Selectmen's Reports

C. Williams mentioned that paving will begin on Lincoln City Road and Farnum Road this week.

C. Rand gave an update on the status of the Salmon Kill Bridge rehabilitation project. They expect to have the project completed before the end of the calendar year. The school buses will continue to reroute as they did the previous school year.

Adjourn: 5:43pm