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BOS – Minutes – 2.5.2024

The Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes of February 5, 2024.

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

The meeting was **called to order** at 5:05pm.

C. Williams made a motion to **approve the agenda with an amendment to Item #6a.** *“Discussion and possible action to accept the proposal from Arcadis dated November 29, 2023 to complete an Environmental Condition Assessment Form and Interim Verification Report on the former Decker's Laundry Site, not to exceed \$11,455.”*, amended to be *“not to exceed \$14,455.”* K. Kiefer seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

K. Kiefer made a motion to **approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024** Regular Meeting. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

First Selectman Report

C. Rand mentioned recent correspondence from a concerned citizen with regard to the Swap Shop at the Salisbury-Sharon Transfer Station, noting concern over how long people are staying at the Transfer Station, how long they park in the most accessible parking spots, and items they take from the Swap Shop to possibly resell. The Selectmen plan to work with Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee (TRAC) to make a policy addressing these concerns.

C. Rand mentioned that our municipal solid waste contract with MIRA (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority) will expire in 2027. There are twelve other northwestern CT towns under the same contract, and these municipalities are in search of a solution for managing solid waste after MIRA.

The Selectmen addressed a recent post on social media with regard to Community Field in Lakeville, which stated that the Town plans on paving 30% of the area. C. Rand stated that there are several concept plans which have been explored by Planning and Zoning for the 10-year plan of conservation and development (POCD), and there are no plans to pave a parking lot in Community Field. They also addressed another letter to the editor in the Lakeville journal with regard to the Pope property, which stated that there is a plan to create a 100-car parking lot with lights. The Selectmen reminded citizens that there are no plans for paving a parking lot on having any recreational activities happening at night at the Pope property.

Old Business:

a. The Selectmen announced that the Town has been awarded a Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) grant from the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$1,145,525.00. This grant will help fund (Phase One), a connecting sidewalk between Lakeville and Salisbury villages, and (Phase 2) a sidewalk from Sarum Village to the center of Salisbury.

New Business:

a. K. Kiefer made a motion to accept the proposal from Arcadis dated November 29, 2023 to complete an Environmental Condition Assessment Form and Interim Verification Report on the former Decker's Laundry Site, not to exceed \$14,455. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

b. The Selectmen discussed possibly seeking funding from Department of Housing, Small Cities Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for infrastructure costs for affordable housing at so-called Dresser Woods. Jocelyn Ayer, Director of the Center for Housing Opportunity Litchfield County, requested on behalf of the Salisbury Housing Committee that the Town start a request for proposals to hire a CDBG/Small Cities consultant to help with the preparation of a grant application that would be due this summer (deadline has not yet been announced), to help pay for the infrastructure costs at Dresser Woods. Starting this RFP process does not commit the town to putting in an application, it just allows enough time to comply with the DOH procurement guidelines. C. Williams made a motion to approve that the Town start the RFP for a consultant. K. Kiefer seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

c. The Selectmen motioned, seconded and approved the following tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector: February 2024 – Palmer, Bradford C. & Richard B. (2021 GL - \$45.12 & 2020 GL \$45.12); Keenan, Jeffrey (\$3,783.35) – Totaling \$3,873.69.

Selectmen's Reports

C. Williams mentioned that the Salisbury Pathways Committee is working on an application with the CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grants Program for a connection from the Appalachian Trail to the Railroad Ramble. The application deadline is March 11, 2024.

K. Kiefer mentioned she is continuing to work on the speeding issue in town.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

Adjourn: 5:31pm