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BOS – Minutes – 7.7.2025

The Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes of July 7, 2025.

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

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

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

C. Williams made a motion to **approve the June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes**. K. Kiefer seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

First Selectman's Report

a. MIRA/DAS and solid waste

The Dept. of Administrative Services (DAS) inherited the Torrington Transfer Station and the town is still able to truck to this facility; the Selectmen were worried the facility might close on July 1. Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) has dissolved, but Enviro Express has a contract through 2027 managing the Torrington facility. It is important that the towns previously contracted through MIRA continue to bring their trash to the Torrington Transfer Station and not go elsewhere to continue keeping up the volume at this facility. The Northwest Council of Governments (NHCOG) and the City of Torrington are working on a plan to purchase the Torrington Transfer Station facility; the property is permitted to the Northwest Resource Recovery Authority (NRRA), founded by the City of Torrington.

b. STEAP Grant Award

The Town just received the contract for the STEAP grant that was awarded for three recreational facility improvements.

c. Construction Advisory for Route 41 in Salisbury/Sharon

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is milling and repaving Route 41 from Stone House Road, in Sharon to the center of Lakeville.

New Business

a. State Project No. 0121-0137 – Bridge #00964 Improvements (Route 44 near Library St.)

The state has concerns with the structural integrity of the bridge on Route 44 near the library. The plan for replacement or rehabilitation will begin by the end of 2026 and finish in 2027. The bridge has significant architectural, safety and aesthetic issues and the town wants to work with them to keep the existing façade.

b. Discussion of Appointments to Scenic Roads Committee

The Selectmen would like to appoint new members to the Scenic Roads Committee. The state has evaluated all of the bridges in town; the Selectmen agreed on having a committee to oversee the work. The Selectmen suggested that a member of the Historic District Commission and Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission be part of the committee.

c. CNE Railroad Station Building

C. Rand reached out to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) asking if there would be any available funding to help with the new foundation, HVAC, electrical work and/or exterior painting of the CNE Railroad Station Building on Ethan Allen Street. SHPO will not provide funding for the move of the building, only funding for work after the building is moved to its new foundation.

d. **Appointments to the Salisbury Economic Development Committee (SEDC)**

C. Williams made a motion to appointment Christopher Baetz and David Becker as members of the SEDC.
C. Rand seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Selectmen's Reports

K. Kiefer asked if there were any complaints from the NASCAR event weekend at Lime Rock Park. C. Rand mentioned a few complaints of the local roads not being posted as closed. C. Williams mentioned there wasn't as much traffic as expected. C. Rand also mentioned he doesn't find it fair for the town to have to sign off and assume all liability for the event on state roads; he plans to talk with Lime Rock Park about that.

The Selectmen complimented Esker Custom Building & Restoration LLC on the progress of the new windows being install at the Salisbury Town Hall. This project should be completed by mid-August.

K. Kiefer mentioned that the Assessor requested the Board of Selectmen meet in August, in case anything comes up during revaluation. The regular meeting is scheduled for August 4th, a special meeting may be requested.

Public Comments

Lee Sullivan commented on the State Project No. 0121-0137 – Bridge #00964 Improvements (Route 44 near Library St.).

Adjourn: 5:24pm