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Attendance: First Selectman Craig A. Stahl, Selectman Walter Briggs, June Riley, Secretary

Guests: Barrie Collins, Charles Spath, Robert Brinton Sr.

First Selectman Craig A. Stahl called the August 27, 2001 regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:35 P.M. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Bethany Town Hall. The first order of business was the signing of check.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

First Selectman Stahl called for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion of approval was moved by Selectman Briggs and seconded by First Selectman Stahl. The call was made for omissions or corrections. There were none. The vote taken was unanimous.

SOLID WASTE

The Selectmen discussed the current problems the Town is having with Waste Management. Numerous complaints are being received each week about missed trash, irregularity of pickup time, and improper handling of trash containers. On several occasions a few streets have been missed two consecutive weeks. The bid specifications will be completed within the next two weeks. A bidding procedure will then be followed.

TRAILS COMMITTEE

First Selectman Stahl distributed the "Charge of the Trails Committee" with a list of appointed committee members. They are as follows: Ken Martin, Chairman, Katherine Downs, Paul Roth, Mark Lorenze, Linda Francois, J.B. Gardner and Arnie Novenstein. The Bethany Board of Selectmen charges the Bethany Trails Committee to prepare a set of guidelines regarding trails and trail use on Town owned property that would be acceptable to the Board of Selectmen. The guidelines should include but are not limited to the following topics.

1. Maintenance
2. Signage & Trail markings
3. Access & Usage restrictions
4. Open Space Plan and its relationship to a proposed town wide trail system
5. Connectivity with adjacent towns, Bethany Land Trust, Regional Water Authority, Birmingham Utilities, Connecticut Water Company and trails not owned by the Town of Bethany
6. Use of trails by horses, bicycles, and dogs – with/without leashes
7. Access for the Fire Department – brush truck or on foot
8. Multiple use trails and/or single use trails
9. Trails for motorized off road vehicles
10. Any other issues regarding trails

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The final report and Guidelines for trail use should be presented to the Board of Selectmen no later than December 31, 2001.

LAKEVIEW LODGE RENTAL FEES

The Selectmen discussed adjustment to the recently adopted fee schedule for the use of Lakeview Lodge. After discussion a motion was moved by Selectman Briggs to reduce the fee to \$325 for a six hour rental for a Bethany resident and \$650 for non resident for the same time frame. An extra fee of \$50 per hour will be charged for use after the six hour period. First Selectman Stahl seconded the motion. The vote taken was unanimous.

SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT

Dr. Vita has requested that the Board of Selectmen give authorization to the Board of Education to waive bidding for public school transportation. After a brief discussion Selectman Briggs moved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

Pursuant to Chapter 12, Section 12-01 Bidding and Purchasing of the Code of the Town of Bethany, and based upon the request made by the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Selectmen hereby finds that the plan for contracting public school transportation with individual contractors as followed in the past by the Board of Education is in the best interest of the Town and therefore, the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes the Board of Education to waive Bidding for public school transportation for the balance of the existing contract of August, 1999 through August, 2003, and hereby permits the Board to enter into individual contracts for public school Bus Transportation substantially in the form as presented at this meeting.

The resolution was seconded by First Selectman Stahl. The vote taken was unanimous.

FIREMEN'S TAX ABATEMENT

First Selectman Stahl distributed a draft of an ordinance providing tax abatement for members of the Bethany Volunteer Firemen's Association. No action was taken on this draft due to the absence of Selectman Wade.

LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – FIVE YEAR PLAN

The Board of Selectmen discussed modification of the five year Local Capital Improvement Plan. Selectman Briggs moved to modify the plan by making the following changes:

Fiscal Year 2001-02

Brookwood Road

Rainbow Road

Ann Drive

Sperry Road - Hatfield to Tuttle

Almar Drive

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Fiscal Year 2002-03
Falls Road
Hinman Road
Sperry Road
Town Garage - Finish Surface Course
Hopbrook & Fatima

Fiscal Year 2003-04
Dayton Road
Luke Hill Road
Carrington Road – Valley to Bethway
Bethway
Brooks Road – Downs to Carmel
Valley Road

Fiscal Year 2004-05
Downs Road – Woodbridge line to Hatfield
Woodcutters Drive
Wooding Hill Road
Oak Ridge Drive

Fiscal Year 2005-06
North Humiston Drive
Hilldale Road
Pleasant Drive
Shaffer Road – Pole Hill to Curve
Shaffer Road – Curve to Bethmour Road

First Selectman Stahl seconded the motion. The vote taken was unanimous.

TAX REFUNDS

Selectman Briggs moved a motion to refund to Edward Cashin the sum of \$57.22, to Chase Man Auto Finance Corp the sum of \$37.64, to Dennis Hunt the sum of \$19.28, to First Union the sum of \$727.37, to Dennis Yaffee the sum of \$12.85, to Heidi Sorensen the sum of \$2649.55, to Jennifer Herdon the sum of \$111.96, to Lynn Leite the sum of \$1,844.88, to Mary Scara Muzzino the sum of \$175.95 and to North Haven Sewer the sum of \$8.88 all for overpayment of taxes. Selectman Stahl seconded the motion. The vote taken was unanimous.

BETHANY FARMS

Charles Spath was present to request the setting of a maintenance bond for Phase 3B for Bethany Farms subdivision. Robert Brinton Sr. indicated that inspection reports and sworn affidavits are not in place. Charles Spath agreed to complete this matter with Robert Brinton Sr. After further discussion Selectman Briggs moved a motion to accept

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Phase 3B subject to final approval by Robert Brinton Sr. that paper work is all in order. First Selectman Stahl seconded the motion. The vote taken was unanimous.

OTHER

First Selectman Stahl reported that the Town Hall parking area drainage improvements, re-grading and paving project is progressing well.

Chris Pecca has completed his Eagle Scout project as agreed, at Veterans Memorial Park,` working on the walking trail.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was called at 8:00 P.M. after a motion was moved by Selectman Briggs and seconded by First Selectman Stahl. The vote taken was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

June G. Riley
Secretary, Board of Selectmen