

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DECEMBER 15, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

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MINUTES – APPROVED 1-5-2021

Via Zoom

Board of Selectmen Attendance: First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Selectman Donald Shea, and Selectman Derrylyn Gorski.

Also, in attendance: Town Attorney Vincent Marino and Finance Director Sheila Lane.

Visitors: Sharon Huxley, Jay Polydys

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order via Zoom at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

First Selectman Cofrancesco called for a motion to approve the November 17, 2020, Regular Meeting minutes. Selectman Shea moved to approve the minutes and Selectman Gorski seconded. Minutes were approved. Voting: Cofrancesco, Shea, Gorski. **Unanimous Approval.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – TAX REFUNDS – None at this time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANT - SIGNATURE

Following up on the previous month's discussion, Town Attorney Marino provided a Resolution to the Board which outlined the authorization for the First Selectwoman to sign the Notice of Grant Award on behalf of the Town. The grant awarded to the Town of Bethany is for \$15,000.00 for creating an Affordable Housing Plan.

First Selectman Cofrancesco called for a motion to authorize her to sign the Grant on behalf of the Town. Selectman Gorski moved and Selectmen Shea seconded. Voting: Cofrancesco, Shea, Gorski. **Unanimous Approval.**

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION – LIGHTING INCENTIVE PROJECT – FIRE HEADQUARTERS

Town Attorney Marino provided the Resolution from the Board of Finance and the Board Selectmen in which outlines the authorization for the First Selectwoman to sign the Letter of Agreement on behalf of the Town in lieu of a Town Meeting.

First Selectman Cofrancesco called for a motion to authorize her to sign the Letter of Agreement for the Lighting Incentive Project for the Fire Department Headquarters on behalf of the Town. Selectman Gorski moved and Selectmen Shea seconded. Voting: Cofrancesco, Shea, Gorski. **Unanimous Approval.**

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DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION – ROAD WORK – MOVING FORWARD – UPDATE

First Selectman Cofrancesco communicated that Phase III is done.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – STATUS OF AIRPORT HANGAR UPDATE - TABLED

First Selectman Cofrancesco communicated that the project was to have started last week, but an untimely snow storm delayed the start. They will start with the foundation. Emergency Management Rod White will be consulted for possible updates on the project.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION – SIMPSON PROPERTY – ON HOLD (IN PROBATE)

First Selectman Cofrancesco stated this is on hold and still in probate court. Town Attorney Vincent Marino mentioned that he had spoken to the attorney to counsel and is hoping to have a signed contract by the next meeting in January. **Tabled.**

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION – SIMPLE RECYCLING (SOFT RECYCLABLES) ON HOLD

First Selectman Cofrancesco noted that this item will stay on hold until the businesses working with Simple Recycling re-open. At this time we are looking at the Spring. **Tabled.**

OTHER MATTERS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING

1. First Selectman Cofrancesco communicated that there were three Commission Members that needed to be re-appointed.
 - a. Brian Eisner – Conservation Commission
 - b. Patricia Winer – Conservation Commission
 - c. Kristine Sullivan – Cemetery Commission

First Selectman Cofrancesco called for a motion to re-appoint the Commission members. Selectman Gorski moved and Selectman Shea seconded. Voting: Cofrancesco, Shea, Gorski. **Unanimous Approval**

2. Board of Finance member Mrs. Sharon Huxley had attended the Amity Finance Committee meeting the night before and noted that Amity had confirmed the refund to the Town of Bethany in the amount of \$364,924.00, which she believes to be for the fiscal year 2018-2019.
3. Selectmen Gorski addressed concerns on behalf of some Town Hall employees to First Selectman Cofrancesco's visits to the Town Hall during her quarantine period due to family members having tested positive to Covid-19. First Selectman Cofrancesco indicated that she had tested negative and will be going for a second test. She had visited her office at Town Hall in the early hours of the morning during quarantine to gather work. Selectman Gorski referenced the quarantine restrictions and suggested to First Selectman Cofrancesco to have paperwork delivered to her house, should signatures be needed, to protect Town employees and appease concerns.

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ADJOURNMENT

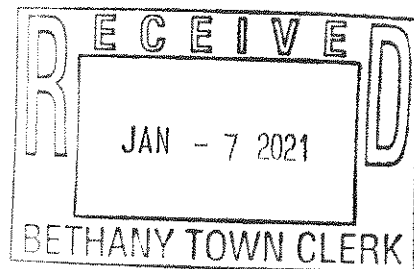
At 7:28 p.m., it was moved by First Selectman Cofrancesco and seconded by Selectman Gorski to adjourn the regular meeting. Voting: Cofrancesco, Shea, Gorski. **Unanimous approval.**

Respectfully submitted,



Lina V. Frazer

Board of Selectmen Meeting Clerk



TOWN OF BETHANY

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AUTHORIZING
THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN GRANT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF BETHANY**

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, acting through the Department of Housing, made grants available in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §8-30j, as amended, generally known as the Affordable Housing Plan Grant Technical Assistance Program (the "Grant");

WHEREAS, the Town of Bethany (the "Town"), made application in accordance the terms of the Grant;

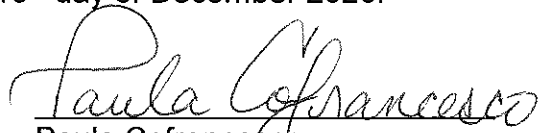
WHEREAS, the Town received notice from the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing that the Town had been awarded the sum of \$15,000.00 under the Grant , grant number AHPG: 2020-008-031 (the "Award");

WHEREAS under the terms of the Award, the First Selectwoman of the Town requires the authority to execute the Notice of Grant Award on behalf of the Town; and acknowledge that the Town will comply with all of the requirements of the original notice of grant award.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the majority vote of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bethany, at a duly noticed meeting via Zoom held on December 15, 2020, in accordance with Executive Order No. 7S, section 7, as modified by Executive Order No. 7CC, section 1, that the First Selectwoman is authorized to execute the Notice of Grant Award on behalf of the Town; and,


IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the First Selectwoman is authorized to acknowledge that the Town will comply with all of the requirements of the original notice of grant award.

DATED at Bethany, Connecticut, this 15th day of December 2020.



Paula Cofrancesco
Its First Selectwoman, duly authorized

ATTEST



Nancy A. McCarthy, CMC
Town Clerk