

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

JULY 20, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

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MINUTES APPROVED 8-3-2021

In Person

Board of Selectmen Attendance: First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Selectman and Selectman Elizabeth Appel

Absent: Selectman Donald Shea

Also, in attendance: Finance Director Tom Ellis, Town Counsel Vincent Marino

Visitors: Sharon Huxley

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge was said. First Selectman Cofrancesco welcomed Selectman Appel to her first Board of Selectmen's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

First Selectman Cofrancesco called for a motion to approve the June 15, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion to Table approval of minutes by Selectman Appel. Seconded by First Selectman Cofrancesco. Voting: Cofrancesco, Appel. **Unanimous Approval.**

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION – TAX REFUNDS.

First Selectman Cofrancesco asked for a motion to approve the Tax Refund(s) for a total of \$196.48: Christopher Smith. Selectman Appel moved and First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. Voting: Cofrancesco, Appel. **Unanimous Approval.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – GREEN LIGHT AUTO SALES – TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAMS AGREEMENT

First Selectman Cofrancesco asked for a motion to approve authority to enter into the Agreement with Green Light Auto Sales LLC for their tax abatement.

Selectman Appel motioned to approve giving the First Selectman the authority to enter into the Agreement with Green Light Auto Sales LLC. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. Voting: Cofrancesco, Appel. **Unanimous Approval.** As noted in the July 15, 2021, minutes: The abatement is to become effective with the October 1, 2021, Grand List and would appear on the July 2022, tax bill.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE UPDATE

First Selectman Cofrancesco provided an update and noted that the Affordable Housing Plan for Bethany had been completed on time. A draft had been provided to her for review and she worked with the Consultant, Hiram Peck, to correct grammatical and punctuation errors. She noted the document was well done.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – STATUS OF AIRPORT HANGAR UPDATE (TABLED).

First Selectman Cofrancesco communicated that the repair work is finalized. Currently we are waiting for Eversource to do their part in connecting electricity from the street to the building and placement of a permanent connection. Once that is completed then the focus will be on connecting electricity for the exit

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signs and lighting in the building. The building will still need to be checked by the Town building inspector.

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

First Selectman Cofrancesco noted that John Paul Garcia was in the process of completing the A-2 Survey that is needed to advance the grant money approval process so that the Town can move forward with the purchase of the property, which remains subject to probate court approval and could take a couple months, but is in its final stages.

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

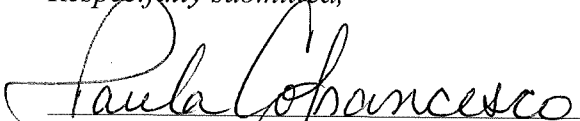
A short discussion was had on the State's push regarding composting. Tom Ellis noted that he and First Selectman Cofrancesco had been on several virtual meetings on this subject. Mr. Ellis noted that many of the municipalities on the meetings had concerns about how this would be done as many towns have limited resources and manpower. First Selectman Cofrancesco noted that she raised the question to the presenters as to how they plan to educate the public on the topic.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:25 p.m. First Selectman Cofrancesco asked for a motion to adjourn. Selectman Appel moved and it was seconded by Selectman Cofrancesco to adjourn the regular meeting. Voting: Cofrancesco, Appel.

Unanimous Approval.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Cofrancesco
First Selectman

