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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Old Saybrook Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – All members present; Also present: David Prendergast, Chairman, Economic Development Commission, Susan Beckman, Director, Economic Development, Judy Sullivan, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce and Heather McNeil, Director, Youth & Family Services. Larry Hayden, IT support, was also present.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Recited
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN** - Matt Pugliese commented on the condition of the office and bathroom at the transfer station. Mr. Fortuna was aware and indicated that immediate action is being taken on this issue and will be part of the bigger picture renovation of the transfer station. Mr. Pugliese also later commented on the proposed Harveys Beach renovation as proposed in the P & R facilities plan. He would like to see the town start the permitting process so that we are ready to put this plan in action in a few years. Scott Giegerich announced the donation of \$20,000 by the Old Saybrook Department of Police Services to the Rays for Rams lights project at the high school. He also announced the website was up to take donations and that there is a November 13 comedy show to raise funds. Mr. Fortuna thanked Mr. Giegerich for his years long passion to make this happen.
Mr. Fortuna read a letter from the Old Saybrook Garden Club thanking the BOS for approval of ARPA funds. He also commented that there are many volunteers stepping down from boards and commissions this year but also 4 First Selectpersons stepping down: Susan Bransfield, Portland; Cathy Iino, Killingworth; Noel Bishop, Westbrook and Rob Clark, East Haddam.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting October 12, 2021 – Approved with Mr. Giegerich abstaining.
- VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
 - A. Motion to add to the agenda as item C the conversion of a seasonal dwelling/ winterization of property at 25 Belleaire Drive, Map 1, Lot 27** – Moved and approved.
 - B. Discussion and possible action on Old Saybrook Economic Development Commission request for \$18,243 of American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA)** - December recovery events. Susan Beckman took the lead on this conversation and request for funds. Many departments are involved: P & R, EDC, YFS, The Estuary, The Chamber. The purpose is to have a large community event that also draws from other towns. The board had questions on what marketing will be used and how the funds will be spent. Suggestions were made to use the schools and perhaps The Kate as a delivery method to get the word out. The Chamber will use its network. Our connections at WTNH (Gil Simmons) and WFSB (Mark Zinni) should be able to assist. Heather McNeil

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stated this is intended to involve lots of young people also but the point is for it to be multi-generational and multi-cultural, celebrating the holidays for everyone. This is intended to be a yearly event with the question being how much funding will be necessary every year. The lights will be a one-time purchase and the town will see if it can borrow a bucket truck to hang them appropriately. Saybucks eGift cards can be purchased, doubling your dollars. There was talk of limiting how much can be doubled to gain maximum effect. There will be a concert at The Kate that night also so that is being tied in. Shopping and dining in town will be encouraged after the daytime events. Moved and approved.

- C. **Discussion and action to release a driveway encroachment bond – 6 East Street.** Moved and approved.
 - D. **Conversion of a seasonal dwelling/ winterization of property at 25 Belleaire Drive, Map 1, Lot 27 -** Moved and approved.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT – at 7:30 p.m.**