



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 12, 2019
3:30 P.M.
Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room
MINUTES

PRESENT: First Selectman Carl P. Fortuna Jr., Selectman Scott Giegerich (joined the meeting during Item IV), Selectman Carol Conklin and members of the public.

- I. CALL TO ORDER-** First Selectman Fortuna called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Recited
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMAN-** Moment of silence - A moment of silence was observed for Jack Condulis; a possible Special Board of Selectmen meeting to call a town meeting on March 20th was discussed based on Board of Finance approval of The Kate funding and the open space funding; a possible Downtown Investment Fund was discussed and the First Selectman will bring a draft forward in the next few months; the First Selectman reviewed the consequences of the elimination of the car tax on all the COG members. The mill rate skyrockets in many communities; also discussed were some pending projects at Route 1 and Elm, and the old Pizza Hut building.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Board of Selectmen Meeting February 12, 2019.
FORTUNA/CONKLIN
Motion to approve Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes February 12, 2019.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
 - A.** Discussion and possible action on an appropriation of \$42,000 from the town's Open Space fund.
These funds would be used to acquire 11 acres at the corner of Ayers Point Road and Essex Road. The town currently has about \$220k in its open space/land acquisition fund. Additional funding for this purchase would come from the Old Saybrook Land Trust (\$88k) and a North American Wildlife Conservation Act Grant. The Land Trust has been eyeing this property for a few years and would like to preserve this piece.
FORTUNA/GIEGERICH
Motion to approve to move to Town Meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 - B.** Recommendation to the Board of Finance an appropriation of \$126,000 for the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Art Center portico project.
This amount represents the bid of the second low bidder plus a 10% contingency. The First Selectman was quite pleased with how the bids came in and the number of the bids. The consulting engineer on the project, GNCB, has recommended this bidder (GESCO) to the town as the bidder is responsive and responsible. GNCB has checked references and is quite satisfied with the feedback.

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FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to approve recommendation to the Board of Finance an appropriation of \$126,000 for the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Art Center portico project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Discussion and possible action on changing names of certain roads in Town. Don Hunt, President of Knollwood was present to discuss the renaming of South Cove in Knollwood. He expressed on behalf of his Association that he would like to see the name remain the same, at least based upon the number of residents that live on the street. Possible names were discussed for all three roads.

D. Appointments

1. Municipal Cemetery Committee. Resignation vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a six year term due to expire 7/2019.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to appoint John Henry to the Municipal Cemetery Committee for the unexpired portion of a six year term due to expire 7/2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC). Alternate vacancy. This appointment is for the unexpired portion of a two year term due to expire 11/2019.

FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to appoint Alyse Yeager as an alternate to the IWWC for the unexpired portion of a two year term due to expire 11/2019.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to add to the agenda the discussion and possible approval and adoption of the updated and amended employee handbook.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to add to the agenda the discussion and possible approval and adoption of the updated and amended employee handbook.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Discussion and possible adoption of Employee Handbook.

The Board had previously heard from counsel on this matter. The changes to the handbook were mostly updates to the law and some other changes that were not of great substance. All policies are now attached to and made part of the handbook.

FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to approve and adopt the updated amended Employee Handbook.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN- None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman