
Special Board of Selectmen Minutes 03 15 2018

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Thursday, March 15, 2018

3:30 P.m.

Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: First Selectman Carl P. Fortuna Jr., Selectman Scott Giegerich, Selectman Carol Conklin and members of the public

I. CALL TO ORDER- Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-RECITED

III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-NONE

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMAN – Mr. Fortuna commented as follows: 1. The Storms and the various comments and interaction with the public and Eversource. Mr. Giegerich commented on what a good job the Chief does with storms, and Ms. Conklin stated that she has been receiving better comments this year on plowing. 2. The BAR advisory group continues to meet to discuss next steps with Mariners Way. The Executive Summary from Civic Moxie was handed out. 3. At an Operating and Underwriting meeting earlier on the 15th, an interesting presentation on autonomous vehicles was discussed, with the suggestion that municipalities should start preparing for these changes. 4. The P & R RFP was discussed. Ms. Conklin will be in touch with Chairperson Esty to discuss ways to focus the successful consultant/vendor 5. The building department continues to close permits. Several thousand have now been closed. 6. The commission report on fiscal stability and economic growth is posted on the town website. CCM has endorsed, somewhat surprisingly. 7. The Eastern Long Island dredge site is the subject of a lawsuit between NY and CT. Old Saybrook, through the COG, will submit an Amicus brief. 8. An emergency action plan with regard to Chalkers Mill Dam must be drafted. This may cost \$15-20k.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Board of Selectmen Meeting February 13, 2018.

FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to approve Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes February 13, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Discussion “Mariner’s Way: Boulevard Planning” Project and application to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for a BAR Planning Grant.

Christine Nelson discussed the implementation of the Mariners Way plan. Mr. Fortuna spoke about hiring Patrick McMahon to draft a Tax Increment Financing plan. The town has funds from the BAR grant that it will use for this purpose as well as media advertising. Ms. Nelson handed out the application for a new BAR grant that will be transportation planning/study and how to more efficiently and effectively use the 75’ wide ROW on Route 1.

B. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing First Selectman Fortuna to execute and file an application with DECD for State financial assistance not to exceed \$200,000 in order to undertake the “Mariner’s Way: Boulevard Planning” Project.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to approve a resolution authorizing First Selectman Fortuna to execute and file an application with DECD for State financial assistance not to exceed \$200,000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Board of Finance a matching grant for up to 10% of the “Mariner’s Way: Boulevard Planning” Project to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for a BAR Planning Grant, assuming said grant is awarded to the town.

This would be a match not to exceed \$20,000.

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion recommend to the Board of Finance a matching grant for up to 10% of the “Mariner’s Way: Boulevard Planning” Project to DECD.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution re: Government Obligation Contract dated March 15, 2018, between M-Core Credit Corporation and the Town of Old Saybrook and authorizing the First Selectman to sign any and all documents related thereto.

Mr. Fortuna explained the financing and the cost of the streetlight project both through the loan from Key Bank (for purchase of the streetlights-214K) and now the installation of LED’s (about \$315k minus the \$101k Eversource rebate) by Siemens which will be paid for using a 0% loan. All elements of the Town Meeting approval have been met.

FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to approve a resolution re: Government Obligation Contract dated March 15, 2018 between M-Core Credit Corporation and the Town of Old Saybrook and authorizing the First Selectman to sign any and all documents related thereto.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Discussion and possible action of the Board of Selectmen authorizing Town Treasurer to sign Obligation Contract dated March 15, 2018, between M-Core Credit Corporation and the Town of Old Saybrook.
Withdrawn.

F. Appointments

Acton Public Library Board. Vacancy appointment. This is for the unexpired portion of a six year term due to expire 11/2019.

Mr. Osnato was recommended by Mr. Fortuna, seconded by Mr. Giegerich. Mr. Osnato's resume was reviewed. Opposed:
Ms. Conklin

FORTUNA/GIEGERICH

Motion to appoint Mr. Osnato to the Acton Public Library Board.

MOTION CARRIED

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN-Mr. Giegerich is of the opinion that the Fire Marshal is not a first responder and should not take a vehicle home.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

FORTUNA/CONKLIN

Motion to adjourn Board of Selectmen Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr.
First Selectman