



BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday December 16, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting – 6:30 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – A meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) was held on Wednesday December 16, 2020 at the Town Hall Meeting Room. First Selectman Hayden called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Selectman Doering and Selectman Ziobro were present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**– none
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:35pm to consider a Proposed Property Assessment Settlement for the real property located at 103 Hartford Avenue, and to discuss a potential probate transfer for land located off Floydville Road. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.** The Board of Selectman exited Executive Session at 7:04pm. No votes were taken.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Draft Audited Financial Statement and State Single Audit, November General Government Financials; Cowles Park Parking, Resident Trooper, Town Hall Hours and Access
5. **MINUTES** – Selectman Doering made a motion to accept the November 24, 2020 minutes as presented. Seconded by Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **School Town Building Committee Report** – No new information.
 - b. **Economic Development Report** – First Selectman Hayden gave a town land breakdown which indicates that there is plenty room for expansion with 12.5% Agricultural space, 1% Commercial, 2.7% Industrial, 2.3% Quarry, 41.1% Residential, 20.8% Open Space and 12.1% is vacant. Pioneer Optics took out a building permit to add 7,634 sq. feet. Economic Development Officers are developing incentives recommendations to the BOS for future economic growth.

- c. **Tax Incentives** – No new information.
- d. **Back Office Shared Services Opportunities** – No new information.
- e. **Long-Term Recovery Committee Report** – Selectman Doering mentioned including a Survey for the residents in the next edition of the Talk Turkey to identify areas of concern, and to get a better understanding of any unmet social or financial needs for our community and businesses.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consider and Act Upon the Proposed Property Assessment Settlement for 103 Hartford Avenue, East Granby CT** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to adjust taxes as presented on 103 Hartford Avenue and to approve the Settlement as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- b. **Tax Refunds** – Selectman Ziobro made a motion to accept the tax refunds as presented. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- c. **Appointments** – Selectman Doering made a motion to appoint Judy Root, Cheryl Bermani McCann, Lucia Ziobro as full members of the Commission on Aging (COA) and to appoint Maureen Emery as an alternate to the COA and to re-appoint Bob Ravens Seger to the Youth Services Commission. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- d. **Distressed Municipalities Program Certification** – First Selectman Hayden stated that the town participates in the Bradley Development Zone (BDZ) which provides a tax abatement to qualified companies. The State of Connecticut Distressed Municipalities Property Tax Reimbursement Program provides a 5-year partial reimbursement to the town for a portion of the property tax loss that the town sustains due to the BDZ program. The State through the Distressed Municipalities Program reimburses the town 50% of the total abatement. The program, like the Municipal Grants in Aid Program requires the monies need to be used for capital purposes. The town will receive \$5,648.51 to be used for capital purposes/town road fund. Selectman Ziobro made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Distressed Municipalities Program Certification. Seconded by Selectman Doering. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**
- e. **EDC Sign Regulation Request** – The EDC requested that the BOS temporarily suspend signing regulations to mitigate the effect that COVID rules have had on small businesses. The Town Attorney offered an opinion stating that the Governor's Executive Order's does not give the First Selectman or the BOS the authority to suspend the regulations. The BOS is supportive of small businesses and the consensus was that the First Selectman should send a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission supporting the EDC Sign Regulation Request and asking the PZC to review the regulations.

- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Resident and member of the Economic Development Commission Paul Oliva asked the Board of Selectman to write a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He closed with expressing appreciation for the Board of Selectman’s time and consideration.
- 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Selectman Doering made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:29 pm to discuss the Draft Public Safety Dispatch Agreement. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously**. The Board of Selectman exited Executive Session at 7:29 pm. No votes were taken.
- 10. ADJOURN** – Selectman Doering made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Ziobro. **Motion Approved Unanimously** at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Sokolowski