

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
November 19, 2013 – 9:15 a.m.

Town Hall
MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectman John Bendoraitis was present. Selectman Linda Finelli was absent due to a miscommunication issue. Audience: 2
- 2.0 Executive Session
- 2.1 **Moved by Bendoraitis/Okonuk to enter into Executive Session at 9:34 a.m. for the purpose of discussing details related to contract negotiations. Vote: Yes, unanimous.** Town Attorney Edward O'Connell and Planner Phil Chester were invited to join the Selectmen in Executive Session. Selectmen returned to Regular Session at 10:14 a.m.
- 3.0 Mark Decker and other representatives from Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) joined the meeting to work out details regarding the Water Tower Project on Camp Mooween Road. This project has been in the works between town staff and NPU for two years and pending Town Meeting approval, will result in the town purchasing land from the State and leasing it to NPU for use as a one million gallon water storage tank. The cost to purchase the land from the state, related engineering and legal costs have been borne to date by NPU.
- 4.0 The Selectmen reviewed the project plans and the proposed lease agreement with Town Counsel. The Selectmen, Town Attorney and Town Planner finalized details of the lease agreement with NPU and also created a timeline for bringing this project through local commissions and eventually to Town Meeting. The Selectmen are in support of moving this project forward as it will provide not only economic development revenue to the town but will also provide a dry hydrant for the LVFD. NPU also agreed to allow an emergency communications tower to be located on the tank that will benefit Public Works and the LVFD too. Selectmen will proceed as outlined in the timeline to request a Section 8-24 report from PZC and IWC application in December and will hold a public hearing on the lease agreement in January, hopefully followed the same month with a Town Meeting to approve the project.
- 5.0 **Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman