

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
December 18, 2018
8:00 am
MINUTES

Members Present: First Selectman Betsy Petrie and Selectmen Glen Coutu and John Bendoraitis

Others Present: Town Planner Philip Chester, Board of Education Chair Jason Nowosad, and Administrative Assistant Bernard Dennler

1.0 Call to Order

First Selectman B. Petrie called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

2.0 Discuss and act on awarding Dime Oil contract for 19/20 budget year

J. Bendoraitis MOVED to extend the Dime Oil contract by one year, effective July 1, 2019. G. Coutu SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED: 3:0:0

3.0 Authorize the First Selectman to enter into a contract with Solitude Lake Management for treatment of Lake Williams with a capped cost of \$6,375.00 to come from the Lake Williams fund.

B. Petrie MOVED to enter into contract with Solitude Lake Management for treatment of Lake Williams with a capped cost of \$6,375.00 to come from the Lake Williams account 100-00-000-2269-0000 for the next period for invasive weeds at Lake Williams. J. Bendoraitis SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED: 3:0:0

4.0 Acceptance of the Farm Viability Grant pending approval of Board of Finance.

J. Bendoraitis MOVED to accept the Farm Viability Grant for \$35,000 pending approval of the Board of Finance and to authorize the First Selectman to sign the grant documents. G. Coutu SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED: 3:0:0

5.0 Discuss and act on letter from Board of Education regarding signage

The Board of Selectmen discussed a letter from Superintendent Robert J. Angeli. The letter indicated the Board of Education was seeking the Town's assistance in funding the installation of flashing school zone speed limit signs on Route 207. The Board of Education earmarked \$10,000 for the project previously but installation costs are now expected to exceed that amount.

Board of Education Chairman J. Nowosad indicated the additional expenses were installation costs and asked the Selectmen about the possibility of using Town resources to complete the project. The Selectmen stated it would be best to have funding set up to take care of the installation for a turnkey operation in order to expedite it.

G. Coutu MOVED to allocate up to \$4,000 out of TIP to pay for additional costs above \$10,000 related to the installation of school zone speed signage on Route 207. J. Bendoraitis SECONDED.

6.0 Executive Session

Executive Session Per State Statutes Section 1-200 (6)(B): Discussion Regarding Lebanon Green Litigation.

B. Petrie MOVED to enter Executive Session at 8:32 AM. G. Coutu SECONDED.

The meeting returned to public session at 9: 53 AM with no action taken.

7.0 Budget discussion 2019/2020

Administrative Assistant B. Dennler presented the Board of Selectmen with a report on the hourly wages of non-union employees compared to comparable positions in nearby towns with similar populations. He noted that Governor-elect Ned Lamont's campaign platform included raising the minimum wage in Connecticut to \$15 per hour. Several positions currently earn less than \$15 per hour and could be impacted if Lamont and the legislature pass a bill raising the minimum wage. J. Bendoraitis said such an increase would probably be phased in over time. B. Petrie said if the minimum wage is increased to \$15 an hour some other positions which currently earn close to that amount may also need to be adjusted.

NO ACTION TAKEN

8.0 Adjournment

B. Petrie MOVED to adjourn the meeting. G. Coutu SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED: 3:0:0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard W. Dennler III
Administrative Assistant

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