



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Office of the Selectmen

AGENDA

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, June 15, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

Present: Edward B. St. John, First Selectman
Elaine M. Strobel, Selectman
Ralph J Barra, Selectman

Also Present: Attorney Robert Smith
Attorney Jack Parlon
Officer George Slaiby
Barbara J. Whitaker, Recording Clerk
Linda Zukauskas, Reporter – Voices
Marj Needham, Reporter – Bee Intelligencer

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by the First Selectman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of June 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The First Selectman MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Amend the Agenda

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to Amend the Agenda to add the Approval of the June 1, 2020 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 public hearing, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Resignation

First Selectman St. John stated that the Board of Selectman accepted John Cookson's resignation as a member of the Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Committee and thanked Mr. Cookson for his dedication and service to the Town for many years as the Chairman and a member of this Committee.

Reappointments

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the reappointment of Susan D. Drelichowski (R), 282 Lakeshore Drive as a member of the Beautification Committee for a term from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the reappointment of Kelly A. Bollard (R), 170 Curtis Road as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term from July 16, 2020 to July 16, 2022; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the reappointment of Kelly A. Bollard (R), 170 Curtis Road as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the reappointment of Natrajan Kuppuraj (R), 126 Falcon Crest Road as a member of the Greater Waterbury Cable Council for a term from June 30, 2020 to June 20, 2022; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the reappointment of Terrence S. McAuliffe (R), 30 Independence Circle as a member of the Greater Waterbury Cable Council for a term from June 30, 2020 to June 20, 2022; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the reappointment of Erika Carrington (R), 184 North Street as a member of the Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Committee for a term from July 19, 2020 to July 19, 2021; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the reappointment of Raymond Pietrorazio (R), 764 Charcoal Avenue as a member of the Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Committee for a term from July 7, 2020 to July 7, 2021; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval. The First Selectman advised the Board that Mr. Pietrorazio has agreed to step in as interim Chairman for the Committee until another is nominated by the Committee. First Selectman St. John added that there are two vacancies caused by the passing of Pat Dwyer and Jim Crocicchia, both long-time members.

Discussion and Consideration

Town of Middlebury Employee Pay Plan

At this time the First Selectman distributed the attached pay plan. First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the attached pay plan; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Tax Assessor/Tax Collector Clerk Job Description

First Selectman St. John explained that the attached job description was for a newly created position that has been consolidated with the duties of the Tax Clerk and the Assessor's Clerk. Patricia Traver will retire in July and the job description has been created and approved by Robin Stanziale, Chief Financial Officer, Chris Kelsey, Assessor and Brenda Carter, Tax Collector.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the Tax Clerk Supporting the Assessor and Tax Collector job description; SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Collective Bargaining Agreement with Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 034, Middlebury Police Union, Covering the Period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021

At this time Jack Parlon, attorney for the FOB thanked the First Selectman and Attorney Smith for "rehabilitating the relationship" between the police union and the Board of Selectmen. The First Selectman asked that the police department policies be reviewed so that the department is up to speed and proactive on the current issues in the country. The First Selectman added that the above-mentioned contract is a "win-win" for everyone.

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 034 Middlebury Police Union, covering the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021; SECONDED by Selectman Barra. Unanimous approval.

92 Turnpike Drive, Middlebury, CT

First Selectman St. John thanked Selectman Strobel for all of her work on this property. There was no need for a public hearing because the property was sold by the owner.

Public Comments

At this time, Selectman Strobel explained that in response to the open letter to the community from Joshua Smith, Region 15 Superintendent of Schools, Edward B. St. John, First Selectman and Jeff Manville, First Selectman of the Town of Southbury she prepared the attached statement on behalf of the Board of Selectman on the recent and unnecessary killing of George Floyd.

Selectman Strobel MOTIONED to accept the proposal to create a summer internship for one or two high school individuals from minority backgrounds (including two references from teachers and one from a clergy person to be submitted to Selectman Strobel at 1212 Whittmore Road, Middlebury, CT 06762 by June 30) from July 6, 2020 to August 14, 2020 and going forward; SECONDED by First Selectman. St. John. Unanimous approval.

Adjournment

First Selectman St. John MOTIONED to ADJOURN, SECONDED by Selectman Strobel. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Whitaker

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