

MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, May 26, 2015 7:00 p.m. Town Office Building

In attendance: C. Iino, F. Dudek, L. Annino, Jr., R. Regolo

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **Motion by Dudek, seconded by Annino, to approve minutes of May 11 as written. Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Visitors' Comments : none
4. Tax Abatements and Refunds: none
5. There were no appointments. Vacancies on appointive committees remain as follows:
Conservation Comm.(1) Emergency Management (3) Energy Task Force (5) IWWC(1)
Open Space (2) Parmelee Farm (3) Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate (1)
Public Health Agency (2)
6. Old Business
 - A. Capital projects review: Iino provided update, noting that RFP for Burr Hill Project is proceeding, and plans to put River Road Bridge painting on the schedule.
7. New Business
 - A. Several complaints were received regarding stop sign placement/removal on River Road at Paper Mill Road. After discussion, BOS agreed to seek engineer's evaluation to address traffic safety concerns at this problematic stretch of road.
8. First Selectwoman's Comments: There was a brief discussion of a proposed bill which addresses the presumption of liability for cancer claims by firefighters.
9. Selectmen's Comments
 - A. Dudek questioned whether a town sweeper was given to Haddam. Iino described agreement with Haddam allowing use of some street sweeping equipment in exchange for man-hours. This led to a discussion of disposal of materials left over from sweeping; Iino receives requests from residents to use leftover sweepings as fill. While dumping close to sweeping sites saves the town transporting/disposal costs, Annino expressed concern about liability with regard to permitting the use of potentially hazardous materials as fill.
 - B. Triple-chip sealing of L'Hommedieu road has been unsuccessful. The first 150 feet of recently sealed road contains numerous large potholes. Dudek asked that BOS reconsider this process as a solution for repairing gravel roads.
 - C. After numerous cease-and-desist orders against Running Brook Farms, it was agreed that the Town will no longer contract with them for snow plowing.

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D. Dudek observed that the road foreman is spending more time in Town Hall since position was removed from the union and asked for update on whether he was operating less independently than before. There was brief discussion.

10. Executive Session—Real estate acquisition:

The Board went into Executive Session at 7:33 and returned at 8:00.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dudek, seconded by Annino, at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 5/27/15.