

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

Visitors: N. Gorski, R. Rimmer (BOF)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Public comment
3. Approval of minutes: April 24, May 2
A motion by Dudek, seconded by Annino, to approve the minutes of April 24, 2017 and May 2, 2017 as written passed unanimously.

4. Refunds and abatements
A motion by Dudek, seconded by Annino, to allow the following refunds to take their normal course passed unanimously:

1. Corelogic Real Estate on behalf of Michael H. Dolomont	PO Box 9202	\$3,075.86	Overpayment
2. Corelogic Real Estate on behalf of Sarah Towers and Terrance Towers Jr.	PO Box 9202	\$2,729.97	Overpayment
3. Jeffrey H. or Sandra H. Mortimer	9 Nathan Lord Rd	\$414.58	Overpayment

5. Appointments: R. Albrecht SCCRWA
A motion by Iino, seconded by Annino, to appoint Richard W. Albrecht to the South Central Regional Water Authority Policy Board and to send the recommendation to town meeting for confirmation passed unanimously.

6. Old Business
A. Alders Bridge Award
The Town Engineer's recommendation regarding the bid for the Realignment of Alders Bridge Road was reviewed. **Motion by Iino, seconded by Dudek, to award the Realignment of Alders Bridge Road Phase 2 to the low bidder as recommended by the town engineer: Machnik Brothers, Inc. – for a bid of \$319,849.00. Motion passed unanimously.** Work on this project will begin after July 1.

[7:11 PM: At this point, the First Selectwoman interrupted the regular meeting for a discussion with Board of Finance chair Nancy Gorski and member Rob Rimmer on the next steps in the budget approval process in light of uncertainty due to potential state funding cuts. The BOF is not comfortable setting a mill rate without accurate revenue projections. The BOS is hesitant to delay finalizing the budget as the town will need to collect revenue in order to continue to offer essential services, etc. Various options and potential scenarios were discussed. No action was taken. Town Counsel, as well as the selectmen, will be attending the Board of Finance meeting on May 9, 2017 to discuss further. Gorski and Rimmer left the meeting at 7:40]

A motion by Iino to add an item -- the Pine Orchard Schoolhouse restoration RFP -- to the agenda as Item 7 B passed unanimously.

B. Zoning permit fees: This item was not addressed as the representative from the Planning and Zoning Commission was not in attendance. Discussion will take place next meeting.

6. C. Referendum on Venuti property purchase There was very brief discussion regarding steps toward taking the purchase to referendum. Executive Session will be put on May 22nd agenda.

7. New Business
 - A. Approve abatement for Land Trust
Tax abatement for property being acquired by the Killingworth Land Conservation Trust was discussed. There was consensus that the selectmen would provide abatement allowed by ordinance 412-26.

 - B. RFP for Restoration of the Pine Orchard Schoolhouse
A draft of the RFP for the Restoration of the Pine Orchard was distributed for review. **A motion by lino to issue the RFP for Restoration of the Pine Orchard Schoolhouse passed unanimously.**

8. First Selectwoman's comments
 - A. The CERC training workshop is scheduled for May 16, 2017. Selectmen and various committee members were urged by lino to attend and to complete the survey.
 - B. Wayne Linsley accepted the position of mechanic effective immediately. The selectmen agreed to delay posting the vacant crew member position pending clarification of workload.
 - C. The town has settled with the former town mechanic, a member of UPSEU, who resigned in January and claimed retirement benefits although he is not retiring and is not near the age of retirement. The Town will reimburse the former employee for three months of COBRA payments, in exchange for an UPSEU agreement not to contest the town's interpretation of the contract provision at issue going forward.
 - D. There was brief discussion about the soon-to-be-vacant receptionist /tax clerk position(s).

9. Selectmen's comments
 - A. Annino noted, as a follow-up to earlier discussion about town-owned parcels, that if the town sells property, the money should go to the open space fund. lino agreed, noting that the parcels in question were currently de facto open space.
 - B. Dudek, citing a FEMA study of volunteer firefighters, has suggested that the town reconsider creating a FaceBook page as an additional way to contact residents. He spoke to webmaster Mooney about managing the page.

10. Adjournment **A motion by Annino to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. passed unanimously.**

Note: BOS plan to attend the BOF meeting on May 9, 2017. There is consensus that while the selectmen acknowledge the great uncertainty presented by the state budget crisis, the BOS supports approval of the budget according to the schedule dictated by Charter.