

MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
April 7, 2014

The April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Thomas J. Dembek at 7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL

PRESENT: Kimberly A. Alfultis, Thomas F. Ammirati, William M. Auwood, Marc Balestracci, Robert J. Brule, Thomas J Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Gerard J. Gaynor, Leon Goss, Madelynn J. Greif, Michael J. Hannan, Andrea F. Kanfer, Brian F. Lynch, Richard F. Muckle, Theodore Olynciw, Janet Smith, Julie F. Watson Jones.

ABSENT: Timothy Condon, Steven D. Garvin, Brendan J. McGuirk, Craig Merriman, Valerie A. Muckle.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Daniel M. Steward and Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectmen Paul A. Suprin and Paul Konstantakis and Chair of the Board of Education Kathleen M. McCarty.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Ziolkovski of Quaker Hill expressed frustration about the long-standing issue of Hunts Brook flooding and recommended not spending the money to replace the Jordan Mill dam foot bridge. Betsy Storm, Carolyn Lally, and Dan Spellman spoke in favor of funding the bridge.

CALL ITEM 1 – Minutes

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Kanfer, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014, Regular Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Driscoll chided the Town Clerk for not including her name in the Roll of the February 3, 2014 meeting minutes and recommended an amendment to reflect the fact that she was not in attendance.

VOTING IN FAVOR of amended minutes: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 2 – Committee Reports

MOTION by Alfultis, seconded by Gaynor, to accept Committee Report.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

FINANCE, WAGE & PERSONNEL: Proposed Building/Planning Department ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Proposed ordinance revision 13.08.260, grease, oil & sand interceptors.

CALL ITEM 3 – Senior Citizens Commission appointments

NOMINATIONS by R. Muckle of ELIZABETH A. BRESSER, by Kanfer of JAMES M. JOHNSON, and by Alfultis of RUTH A. AUWOOD, to fill two vacancies on the Senior Citizens Commission for the term April 7, 2014 – April 3, 2017.

VOTING IN FAVOR of BRESSER: Alfultis, Auwood, Brule, Dembek, Goss, Hannan, Lynch, R. Muckle, Smith.

VOTING AGAINST: Ammirati, Balestracci, Driscoll, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, Olynciw, Watson Jones.

VOTING IN FAVOR of JOHNSON: Balestracci, Greif, Kanfer, Watson Jones.

VOTING AGAINST: Alfultis, Ammirati, Auwood, Brule, Dembek, Driscoll, Gaynor, Goss, Hannan, Lynch, R. Muckle, Olynciw, Smith.

VOTING IN FAVOR of AUWOOD: Unanimous.

APPOINTED: Elizabeth A. Bresser and Ruth A. Auwood.

CALL ITEM 4 – Minimum wage

MOTION by Alfultis, seconded by R. Muckle, to approve a request from the Personnel Review Board to approve the Seasonal/Occasional and Library Page Wage Schedules bringing wages in line with the Connecticut minimum of \$8.70/hour effective January 1, 2014 and \$9.00/hour effective January 1, 2015.

DISCUSSION: According to Joyce Sauchuk, Human Resources Director, the State has subsequently changed the hourly rate effective January 1, 2015 and recommended voting on the \$8.70/hour rate only.

VOTING IN FAVOR (\$8.70/hour effective January 1, 2014): Unanimous

CALL ITEM 5 – DPU personnel qualifications
(See Attachment)

MOTION by Alfultis, seconded by Hannan, to approve a proposed change to the Public Works ordinance, Section 2.20.030, Personnel – Qualifications, relative to the qualifications of the director as well as other members of the department, as recommended by the Finance, Wage and Personnel Standing Committee of the Representative Town Meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 6 – Jordan Cove footbridge

MOTION by Alfultis, seconded by Kanfer, to approve a request from the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department for an appropriation in the amount of \$46,500 from Capital and Nonrecurring Undesignated Projects, Line Item 20570-57999 for emergency funding for replacement of the Jordan Cove pedestrian bridge, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

DISCUSSION.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Ammirati, Auwood, Balestracci, Brule, Dembek, Driscoll, Gaynor, Goss, Greif, Hannan, Lynch, R. Muckle, Smith, Watson Jones.

VOTING AGAINST: Alfultis, Kanfer, Olynciw.

CALL ITEM 7 – Town-wide telephone system

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Lynch, to approve a request from the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Chair of the Information Technology Committee, with a recommendation from the First Selectman, based on its consistency with the Capital Improvement Plan, for an appropriation in the amount of \$350,000 from Capital and Nonrecurring Undesignated Projects Line Item 20570-57999 for the new town-wide Telephone System, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 8 – Police Department, video recording system

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Kanfer, to approve a request from the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Chief of Police for an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 from Capital and Nonrecurring Undesignated Projects Line Item 20570-57999 for emergency replacement of the video recording system at the Police Department, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Ammirati, Auwood, Brule, Dembek, Driscoll, Gaynor, Goss, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, Lynch, R. Muckle, Olynciw, Smith, Watson Jones.

ABSTAINING: Balestracci.

CALL ITEM 9 – Sewer easement, Hartford Turnpike

MOTION by Olynciw, seconded by Kanfer, to accept a sewer easement from the Charter Oak Federal Credit Union for property located at 1055 Hartford Turnpike, as approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission in a municipal improvement report pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 8-24, and as approved by the Utility Commission and Town Counsel.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 10 – Water and hydrant rates

DISCUSSION: Moderator Dembek expressed concern about increased water rates proposed by the New London Water and Water Pollution Control Authority and encouraged attendance at the New London City Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by R. Muckle, to adjourn at 9:05 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Robert M. Nye
Town Clerk