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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015 revised
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL

Meeting Minutes - ***REVISED***

1. Call to order and roll call
   Laura Francis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led with the pledge of allegiance. Steve Levy and John Szewczyk present.

2. Approval of the agenda
   MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

3. Public comment
   Carlton Stoup commented on the great job done today by all at the water line funding celebration at Town Hall.

4. Bid awards
   a. Professional & Technical Services; 2016 Small Cities Community Development Program Application
   L. Francis explained that Mauro Meadows is in need of infrastructure and physical improvements and if the application is awarded the cost of the professional and technical services will be reimbursed by the grant. If the application is not awarded Trinity Corp will pay for the services.

   MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO AWARD THE PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES TO L. WAGNER & ASSOCIATES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,000 TO PREPARE A 2016 SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION. ALL AYE

   b. 2016 Custom Engine; Durham Volunteer Fire Department
   Rob Chadd explained that four bids were received and the DVFC recommended the lowest bidder 4Guys Inc. out of Pennsylvania. The engine that is being replaced is the 1990 Ford FMC. J. Szewczyk asked what will be done with the 1990 truck. R. Chadd responded that he it would be put up for sale. L. Francis recommended R. Chadd review the towns Disposal of Surplus Property Policy.

   MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY ***STEVE LEVY*** [1]TO AWARD 2016 CUSTOM ENGINE BID TO 4GUYS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $534,463 CONTINGENT ON BOARD OF FINANCE AND TOWN MEETING APPROVALS. ALL AYE

5. Discussion of State Project No. 170-3336; installation of centerline rumble strips
   L. Francis advised the Selectmen that the State DOT is planning to install centerline rumble strips along sections of various local and State owned and maintained routes. Route 79 from Pisgah Road to the end of Route 79, 1.71 miles, has been selected in Durham. The noise and vibration alerts the driver that they have departed from their lane and give the driver an opportunity to recover.

[1] revision

6. Request from Patricia Bandez (4-H Club) for permission to use the Town Green on Saturday, December 12th, from 10:00-Noon for annual community service project
   The Mini Mustangs 4-H Horse Club is holding their annual Riding for Rudolph community service event to benefit Help Willy's Friends. Approximately 12-15 club members and adult leaders and parents will be collecting pet supplies and donations.

   MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO GRANT PERMISSION TO 4-H CLUB TO USE THE TOWN GREEN ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015 FROM 10:00-NOON. ALL AYE

7. Request from DVFC for permission to serve alcohol at their Annual Banquet on Saturday, November 14, 2015
   MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY, TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE DVFC TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015. ALL AYE

8. Tax refunds
   MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY, TO APPROVE A TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN (17) TAX REFUNDS TOTALING $1,755.42. FRANCIS, LEVY; AYE. SZEWCZYK; ABSTAIN

9. Approval of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes:
   a) Regular meeting October 5, 2015
      MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 5, 2015 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

10. Selectmen's comments
    None

11. Old/New business
    a) A celebratory meeting was held at the Town Hall to announce that clean water will be coming to Durham to parts of town that are affected by Superfund groundwater contamination. About 30 people attended including representatives from the Federal EPA, State DEEP and DPH, Middletown Mayor Dan Drew and Water & Sewer Director Guy Russo, and other state and local officials. The EPA has allocated $9 million to start the project and DEEP has received $3 million from the Bond Commission for the state's cost share, balance funded by sub sequential federal fiscal budgets over the next two years.
    b) The appeal for Arrigoni vs Town of Durham was heard in the Second Circuit and the decision of the District Court was affirmed.
    c) L. Francis thanked all public safety departments and officials of RSD13 for a successful Statewide EPPI on October 21st.
    d) L. Francis has put together a working group consisting of Rob Raney, Joe Dooley, and Teresa Opalacz to work with Storm Laurence on the economic development project; completing design development to start survey.
    e) L. Francis attended the RSD13 Community Information Session on October 6th. She asked the Board of Education Chair to make community needs a priority above private entities when looking at options for Korn School.
    f) L. Francis met with the owner of the Lake Grove property and a perspective new owner. She also attended Rushford's open house on October 21st, along with Sargent Derry and RST Morello. J. Szewczyk asked if prior issues regarding the Rushford facility had been addressed. L. Francis responded yes.
    g) L. Francis, Carlton Stoup, and Chuck Stengel met with a new developer for Verizon and visited some potential sites for cell tower development.

h) L. Francis attended the last Agriculture Commission meeting and will be meeting with the town Assessor on issues raised. S. Levy stated that he understands the issues with the recommendations made by NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) in regards to the Guilford Road property and the value of years of property maintenance that public works and town commissions have. L. Francis stated that she will work on a motion for the next meeting that will include maintenance and some of the items discussed.
i) There will be no increase in CIRMA policy renewals this year due to an option last year to freeze.
j) L. Francis accepted a Clean Energy Silver Award for the town at a ceremony on October 14th.
k) MCRC (Middlesex County Revitalization Commission) signed an agreement for $1 million from DECD to be loaned out to small business in Middlesex County.
l) L. Francis distributed a copy of the After Action Report to the Selectmen for the MCI Drill at the Durham Fairgrounds held this summer.
m) A seasonal flu clinic is being held on November 3rd from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Activity Center, 350 Main Street. Must be at least 4 years of age and in good health. FluMist is not available. A driver's license and insurance card are required. Participants without insurance may be eligible to receive a flu shot at no charge. First come, first serve. Residency not required.
n) L. Francis attend the Career Fair at Coginchaug Regional High School, the CCM Convention, and Regional Collaboration Meeting at DESPP.
o) A tentative agreement was reached with the Union today. The Union, as an entire group, needs to meet to ratify, then the Board of Selectmen will meet in executive session with the town's labor attorney to accept.
p) Animal Control report for September 2015; 1 bite report/quarantine order, 4 cat calls, 1 cruelty/neglect call, 6 lost/roaming dog complaints. The ACO spent many hours at Larkin's Run doing meet/greets for PeeWee who is looking for a new home.

12. Public Comments

L. Francis received an email from Andy Meiman, a town resident and member of DVAC, which he requested be read into the record; the minutes from the September 21st Board of Selectmen's meeting contain some inaccuracies and incorrect statements made under public comment. One comment had to do with the ambulance corps billing process. The ambulance corps works with a private company that handles billing for ambulance services. Any bills for service are sent by the billing company to the insurance company of the person who was transported. Bills for service are not sent to an individual person. If the person has no insurance, the bill goes unpaid – neither the ambulance corps nor the billing company pursues individuals for payment not covered by insurance. Any payment for services comes directly from a person's insurance company. Every so often, an insurance company might send a payment to an individual person by mistake. In that case, it would be up to the person to forward the payment to the billing company. Another comment mentions a donation made by Killingworth Ambulance Association to the Town of Killingworth. No such donation was made by Killingworth Ambulance Association to the town.

L. Francis noted that Donia Viola was mistaken when she spoke about her payment to the DVAC. Sue Wimler met with D. Viola and found that instead of the insurance provider paying the billing company they paid D. Viola direct. In turn D. Viola paid DVAC and not the billing company.

Sue Wimler stated for the record that she spoke directly with Killingworth Ambulance and verified that comments made at the September 21st Board of Selectmen's meeting were not accurate. She also noted that Rick Parmelee has been invited to talk to the Chief of Service at DVAC and refused.

J. Szewczyk thanked S. Wimler for working with another resident about a misinterpretation of a bill.

J. Szewczyk stated that he would like to see decoupling between the union and department heads. L. Francis stated this was already done this year.

Chuck Stengel made reference to the utilization forum discussion of Korn School and reminded the Board that the Town of Durham never got paid its equity portion of the sale of Center School. L. Francis stated that Superintendent of Schools is looking to sit down with both Durham and Middlefield to discuss the potential to use for community needs.

Roger Kleeman asked if water for Tuttle Road was tied into the bonding from CT DEEP. L. Francis responded no. That will be a separate request.

13. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata