

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016
3RD FLOOR METING ROOM, TOWN HALL

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and roll call

Laura Francis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led with the pledge of allegiance. John Szewczyk and Steve Levy present.

2. Approval of the agenda

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

3. Public comment

Christy Gilbert, representing Goduti Waste, noted she attended the November 21st Board of Selectmen's meeting and was told that a meeting was to be scheduled to discuss Mr. Goduti accessing the transfer station and has not heard back from anyone. C. Gilbert also stated that she filed an application with the towns Economic Development Commission to be included in the online Durham business listing and has not received a response. She referred again to a legal opinion received from Attorney Byrne that would allow for the legal dumping of Goduti Waste at the site and from the towns Code of Ordinance Chapter 13, Sections #13-7, #13-14 and #13-15. L. Francis stated she contacted Middlefield's Selectman and met with Geoff Colegrove to discuss. They decided to gather information before meeting with Ms. Gilbert and Mr. Goduti. L. Francis stated that a letter has been drafted and will be mailed to the Chair of DMIAAB. She also received the draft report that outlays services and costs. D. Goduti pointed out that the Board of Selectmen have oversight and he is hauling Durham waste to Berlin a couple times a week. He stated he has not dumped in Durham for two years while he has started his business and by allowing only BOS to dump at the facility creates a monopoly.

Roger Passavant spoke about the proposed public safety facility and asked if the three properties were to be combined, would it be a town vote. L. Francis stated that Town Council has recommended not to combine the parcels until the project is approved noting that it would be very difficult once combined to separate if desired. She stated that the process of combining is simple. It will be important to combine the two lots to the north to bring the septic system on site when needed. R. Passavant asked again if this would be a town vote and stated he found it difficult to believe that the emergency operations center could not be put on one lot and the town should not be wasting money on the other properties. L. Francis stated that the properties can be combined before the project and reiterated that Town Council did not recommend this. She also noted that part of the committee's charge was to preserve both homes.

4. Proclamation; Carolyn Adams

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Carolyn Adams grew up in Colebrook, New Hampshire and was one of six children. Carolyn moved to Middlefield, Connecticut in the early 50's with her four children and later married Alan Adams, whom she met at Merriam Manufacturing and added two more children to her family; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn joined Merriam as a press operator and quickly worked her way up to Department manager, then Purchasing agent at a time when women rarely had such a position of power. Merriam Manufacturing merged with Leholite Manufacturing; and when a retail lighting store was opened at the plant, Carolyn served as its manager; and

WHEREAS, when the property became available in 1974, at what is now known as 350 Main Street, Carolyn opened a new retail store named The Lighting Barn of Durham. Within a year it grew into Carolyn's Country Barn adding several other offerings and has prospered in Durham for forty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn has been a generous supporter of all local civic organizations, never saying no to any request; she has been particularly supportive of Durham senior programming. Her work was a career and hobby; only the love of her family, numbering 6 children, 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren surpassed her love of her work; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the residents of the Town of Durham, take this opportunity to express our sincere and grateful appreciation, and hereby extend to Carolyn Adams, our congratulations on her well-earned retirement, and our best wishes to her for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

Laura L. Francis
First Selectman

John T. Szewczyk
Selectman

Steven A. Levy
Selectman

Dated in Durham, Connecticut, this 12th day of December 2016

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO ACCEPT PROCLAMATION AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

5. Fire Company Trustee resignation

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE THE RESIGNATION OF GREG HANKS FROM THE FIRE COMPANY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ALL AYE

6. End of year appointments

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO RE-APPOINT ROGER KLEEMAN TO **BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS** TO A FIVE-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE DECEMBER 2021. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO RE-APPOINT LEN BAGINSKI AS DURHAM REPRESENTATIVE OF THE **CENTRAL REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT** TO A TWO-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2018. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO RE-APPOINT PAUL GRIESE AND SHEEHAN MICHAEL TO THE **CLEAN ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE** TO A THREE-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2019. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO RE-APPOINT ROBERT MELVIN, WILLIAM LAFLAMME, CARL DAHLMAN, AND BOB THODY TO THE **CONSERVATION COMMISSION** TO A THREE-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2019. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO RE-APPOINT VICTORIA IACCARINO TO THE **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** TO A TWO-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2018. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPOINT LINDSEY HERZIG TO THE **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** TO A TWO YEAR-TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2018. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO RE-APPOINT DUNCAN MILNE TO THE **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION** AS AN IN-DISTRICT MEMBER TO A FIVE-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2021. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO RE-APPOINT CHRIS MEISENKOTHEN AND RICHARD ERIKSEN TO **INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY** AS REGULAR MEMBERS TO A THREE-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2019. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO RE-APPOINT PHIL AUGER TO **INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY** AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO A THREE-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2019. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO RE-APPOINT LISA SZYMASZEK, ART DENICHOLAS, MIKE BERTRAND, JILLIAN GRIFFIN, AND DEANNE SCOZZARI TO THE **RECREATION COMMITTEE** AS REGULAR MEMBERS TO A TWO-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2018. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPOINT MELANIE REMILARD TO THE **RECREATION COMMITTEE** AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO A ONE-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2017. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO RE-APPOINT PAM CAREY AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TO A TWO-YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2018. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO RE-APPOINT ELAINE MELVIN, STUART KEATING, AND NORM HICKS TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD TO A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE IN DECEMBER 2019. ALL AYE

7. Request from PALS for permission to serve alcohol at 2017 Taste of Durham, February 4, 2017 between 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Durham Library

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO GRANT PERMISSION TO PALS TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT THE 2017 TASTE OF DURHAM, FEBRUARY 4, 2017, 6:30-9:00 P.M. AT THE DURHAM LIBRARY. ALL AYE

8. Approval for the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with Examinetics Inc. for onsite screening and testing services regarding OSHA

L. Francis explained that the Public Works Department invited OSHA in to access worksite conditions. This measure is needed to comply with hearing testimony requirements.

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EXAMINETICS FOR ONSITE SCREENING AND TESTING SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. ALL AYE

9. Tax refunds
None

10. Approval of November 21, 2016 meeting minutes

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 21, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

11. Old/New business

- 1.) L. Francis, Chuck Stengel, and Matt Lapointe attended the Middlesex Paramedic Advisory meeting. There will be no increase in the coming year for the service. It will remain at \$1.00 per capita.
- 2.) L. Francis will be attending the Board of Education executive session at RSD#13 Wednesday night to discuss preliminary proposal for Korn School.
- 3.) A pre-session delegation meeting was held on Thursday, December 8th. Discussions about municipal spending cap, municipal cuts, and issues with the Department of Transportation enforcing difficult regulations regarding sandwich boards not allowed in ROW where several businesses were sited.
- 4.) Nine to ten people will be attending the Council of Small Towns, Northeastern Economic Developers Association economic development training on December 13th.
- 5.) The new federal law affecting exempt/non-exempt employees for overtime eligibility will not go into effect. The temporary injunction believed to become permanent. J. Szweczyk stated this should be looked at during the budget season for employees that working over forty hours a week.
- 6.) L. Francis stated that the interview process for the finance director position was brought down to eight potential candidates; two candidates were chosen and did not accept the position. Ron Melnik expressed interest in the position and has been contracted as the towns new finance director for three years with an automatic two-year extension if mutually agreed upon. J. Szweczyk stated he felt the contract should coincide with the Selectmen's terms in the case that a new Selectman is elected they could have their choice of a finance director. L. Francis stated she disagreed. The finance director should be insulated from politics and stability and continuity when the First Selectman changes. He also asked if the Selectmen would be voting on the contract. L. Francis stated that she worked closely with Laurie Tuttle and Martin Anderson, both members of the Board of Finance on the appointment and the contract had already been signed and would forward a copy to the Selectmen. S. Levy stated he felt continuity with a finance director is very important.
- 7.) Staff holiday pot luck will be held on Tuesday, the 20th of December from noon-1:30. Town Hall will be closed during this time.
- 8.) Budget documents have been distributed to all departments, boards and commissions.

9.) A sample gift policy was distributed to the Selectmen for review and comment at a later meeting.

12. Selectmen's comments

None

13. Public comments

Chuck Stengel asked when the legislature would be going into session. L. Francis responded in January. C. Stengel responded that the Selectmen need to go into the budget cycle with a municipal spending cap in mind. If the municipal revenue sharing goes away the teeth of the cap also goes away.

Dave Goduti referred to Town Ordinance Chapter 13, Section 13-15 Effect of prior ordinances, rules and asked again why he could not dump at the Durham Middlefield transfer station. L. Francis stated she would be talking to Town Counsel tomorrow and would get clarification. She asked that Mr. Goduti call her office after 4:00 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata