

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – MAY 25, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Nick Lukiwsky.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

MOTION: On a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously, the minutes of the May 11, 2021, regular meeting were approved.

No Tax Refunds were received from the Tax Collector

DISCUSSION: Consistent with the rest of the State, the Town's infection rate for COVID-19 is decreasing and the percentage of the Town's population that has been vaccinated is steadily increasing. The Town is out of the red and is considered to be "gray", which indicates a very low number of infections on a weekly basis. Close to 70% of those eligible in Town have received at least their first vaccination and close to 60% were fully vaccinated. At this point there is little demand for help from the residents and the Farmington Health District ran its last clinic in town on May 17, and that one only gave 2nd shots. The distribution of food concluded on May 18. Town Hall re-opening occurred on May 24 for the general public, with the requirement that visitors wear masks and that town hall employees also wear masks when waiting on the public. Town's Annual Budget meeting was held in the Highway Garage truck bay to allow sufficient social distancing.

DISCUSSION: No actions were taken on the proposal for installation of a truck washer at the garage or on the installation of a UV ventilation system in town buildings. Once the full groundrules for the Federal ARP funds become clearer, a decision on these projects will be made.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen discussed a request by a resident whose home is next to the Old Town Garage on Ripley Hill for the town to pay to replace a fence between his property and the garage. This fence had been installed by the prior First Selectman at the Town's expense and is now in need of replacement. After much discussion, the Selectmen agreed to split the cost of the replacement with the resident for the low bid price received from Pleasant Valley Fence. That price is \$4972 and the Selectmen agreed to cover \$2486, also with the provision that the next replacement, when needed will be fully paid for by the homeowner at that time.

MOTION: On a motion by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech, and passed unanimously, Linda Ganem was appointed to an alternate position on the Economic Development Commission for a term through December 31, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM on a motion by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman

The next BOS meeting will be a Special Meeting at 9:00AM on June 7.