

BOARD OF SELECTMEN –JANUARY 28, 2020, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 5:35 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: A motion was made by, Ray Pech seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020, meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the following tax refunds:

\$ 22.03	Tyler Siebert	credit
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DISCUSSION: Don Stein presented a rough first draft of the FY '20/'21 General Government budget, which included options for salary increases, insurance premium projections and inputs from the departments and agencies that the Town supports. Union negotiations are on-going, so the exact salary increases and insurance benefits are unknown at this time. The current increase from Connecticare for health insurance is projected to be 9.95%, and for dental insurance from Anthem, the increase is projected to be 4%. However, discussions are on with other insurance carriers to reduce the increase to 6% and 0% respectively. Many of the agencies are not increasing their requests, but a few have requested more funding, and we are still awaiting inputs from the other organizations. The figures will be refined and more information about the insurance should be available for the next Selectmen's and Board of Finance meetings in February.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein reported that no progress had been made in trying to get the Regional 7 Board of Education to reverse their decision to not grant a sewer easement for the project in the western end of Town. He is working with the developer and the Winsted sewer commission on alternate strategies, but is still hopeful that Regional will work with the Town on this important project.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the conversations with Granby and Hartland about sharing animal control responsibilities with their Officer are moving forward. These conversations are still preliminary, but it appears that this affiliation for improved animal control service has good possibilities for success.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to authorize the First Selectman to apply for a grant from the Northwest Community Foundation to install a handicapped accessible door at the Senior Center. This application for a \$3,100 grant is due on January 31 and awards are typically made around the end of March.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM on a motion by Nick Lukiwsky, seconded by Ray Pech.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman