

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – May 28, 2019 MEETING MINUTES:

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM. Present were First Selectman Don Stein and Selectmen Ray Pech and Nick Lukiwsky.

DELEGATIONS: No delegations were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was made.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting.

Tax Refunds: No tax refunds were presented by the Tax Collector.

DISCUSSION: Don Stein informed the Selectmen that discussions regarding the sewer and water connections with Winsted on the west end of Route 44 were still on-going. The details of the inter-local agreements, the path that will be used to run the piping, the method of financing and who would own the pipes in Barkhamsted were still being worked out. These discussions are not going as quickly as hoped, but the initiative still has a very high priority for the Mallory Brook Plaza, Lombard Ford and the Mallory Brook Farm.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen reviewed a request from the Northwest Hills Council of Governments to participate in the Discover Litchfield Hills website, which for a fee of \$500 gives you a page on the website. This page can be used to highlight businesses in the town, it has a calendar for community events and the town website can be linked to this page. This request was discussed with the Economic Development Commission, also and both the EDC and the Selectmen chose to not participate this year. If the initiatives to bring more businesses back into town are successful, and there is interest from groups like the Barkhamsted Historical Society, FALPS, etc. this request will be reconsidered next year.

DISCUSSION: Ray Pech said that the presentation by the Connecticut Green Bank that he attended was quite interesting and that one of the takeaways was that there are a number of easy things that can be done to help get points in the Sustainable CT initiative. Don Stein, Rob Fulton and Ginny Apple will be meeting on May 31 in an effort to get that initiative moving forward again.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to add the agreement with Vision Government Solutions to the agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ray Pech, seconded by Nick Lukiwsky, and passed unanimously to authorize Don Stein to sign an agreement with Vision Government Solutions to upgrade the Assessor's software and to continue to contract with Vision for this software. Vision has agreed to provide the upgrade and the ability for 2-5 individuals to use the software concurrently at no charge. The annual service fee is consistent with the Assessor's budget for FY19/20 (\$4053). The capital budget which was approved included funding of between \$6,000 and \$10,000 for this upgrade. This latter sum will be reflected as a savings during the next fiscal year.

Don Stein informed the Selectmen that the final road plan and a funding plan will be available at the next Selectmen's meeting on June 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman