

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021 ~ 5:30 P.M.  
IN-PERSON AT LITCHFIELD FIREHOUSE, 258 WEST ST. AND  
REMOTE MEETING BY LIVE INTERNET VIDEO STREAM AND TELEPHONE**

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Denise Raap called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Selectmen present were Jodiann Tenney and Jonathan Tarrant and remote attendees were Thomas Waterhouse and Jeffrey Zullo (5:33 p.m.).

**Approval of Minutes**

**a) Regular 6/15/21: Amend to add in the resolution under Old Business b), Arts Council Resolution: Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to note under Old Business b, "The resolution follows: [insert resolution]." J. Tenney seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried. [J. Zullo arrived at this point.]

**b) Regular 7/6/21: Motion:** J. Tarrant moved and J. Tenney seconded a motion to adopt the regular meeting minutes of July 6, 2021. All voted aye except J. Tenney, who abstained because of absence, and the motion carried.

**Public Requests/Comments:** None

**Selectmen's Requests:** J. Tenney gave an update on the Traffic Safety Committee. They will be looking at the traffic audit report next week. A lawn sign campaign will be started to address speed. J. Zullo asked that the report be discussed with the Board of Selectmen, possibly at the August 3rd meeting.

**First Selectman's Update Report:** D. Raap summarized the meeting on 7/14/21 regarding how to spend the ARPA money. They will meet again on August 11th at 10:00 a.m. Town Beach passes are being sold, with 137 sold so far and 85 free senior passes. The *File for Life* has been sent out by Social Services to senior citizens so they can post emergency medical information on their refrigerator.

**Resignations**

**a) Patricia Laure from Sustainable Litchfield, alternate, effective 6/30/21:** received and noted

**Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments**

**a) Reappoint Sandra Becker to Litchfield Housing Authority, term 8/2026: Motion:** J. Tenney moved to reappoint Sandra Becker as above, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion passed.

**b) Reappoint Daniel Morosani to Veterans Advisory Committee, term 8/2024**

**c) Reappoint Perry Brown to Veterans Advisory Committee, term 8/2024**

**d) Reappoint Jennifer Paul to Veterans Advisory Committee, term 8/2024**

**Motion:** J. Tenney moved to reappoint Daniel Morosani, Perry Brown and Jennifer Paul as above, and J. Tarrant seconded. All voted aye and the motion passed.

**Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes:** 6/17/21 Sandy Beach Commission; 6/30/21 Economic Development Commission

**Sustainable Litchfield Update:** J. Zullo reported the equity statement will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen on August 3rd. The EV charger review has taken place in the municipal parking lot. They are estimating \$5,000 - \$10,000 cost to the Town. Once the installer's cost is paid back, 100% of the profit will go to the Town. It is possible that the cost could be covered by the American Rescue Plan money. A license is required, and he asked for the Board's support to apply. There will be more discussion on

August 3rd and a decision on whether to apply now or wait until the Volkswagen settlement money is available. J. Zullo will invite David Tanner, who runs the company that supplies the chargers.

**Vacancies:** The list of current appointed vacancies with term expirations is as follows:

Beautification Commission: 3 alternate members 2/2022  
Broadband Commission: 1 alternate member 1/2023  
Cable TV Advisory Council: 1 BOE members 6/2023  
Conservation Commission: 2 alternate members 12/2021  
Economic Development Commission: 1 alternate member 6/2023  
Litchfield Prevention Council: 2 reg. members 6/23, 6/24; 4 alt. members: 2-6/22, 2-6/23  
Milton Historic District Commission: 3 alternates; 2-1/2024, 1-1/2022  
Northwestern CT Transit District: 2 members, both 5/2022  
Pension Commission: 1 regular member 2/23; 1 alternate member 3/2022  
Social Services Board: one regular member 2/2022  
Sustainable Litchfield Committee: 1 alternate 3/2022  
Traffic Safety Community Action Group: 2 alt. members 1/2023  
Veteran's Advisory Committee: 1 regular member 8/2023; 1 alternate member 8/2021  
Western CT Coalition, CAC #22 (formerly NW Regional Mental Health Board): 1 member 5/2023  
Zoning Board of Appeals: 2 regular members 3/2023, 3/2025; 1 alternate member 3/2025

**Tax Refunds:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

**a) Presentation of School Collaboration Committee's Final Plan - Chris Leone:** Superintendent Chris Leone presented his powerpoint presentation on the findings of the Workgroup on Collaboration between Litchfield Public Schools and Regional School District No. 6. It's recommendation is that the benefits of cooperative planning and administration be expanded to include the entire educational programs of Goshen, Litchfield, Morris, and Warren (commonly referred to as a K through 12 region). The following grade configurations for a "concept school" follow:

K-5: Goshen, Morris and Warren  
K-3: Litchfield Center School  
4-5: Litchfield Intermediate School  
6-8: Region 20 Middle School  
9-12: Region 20 High School (including ASTE program)

He then discussed the plan for a new Board of Education, voting within the district, educational curriculum, financial considerations, facilities and capital, culture, identity and history changes, and staffing and organization. He also presented procedures after a new district is created and a timeline post delivery of recommendations from 6/2021 to 11/2021, with referendum in November. Questions were answered by C. Leone. D. Raap will have the Town Counsel review for legal requirements prior to referendum.

**b) Discuss Public Act 21-1, An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation Of Adult-Use Cannabis (the Cannabis Act), and Public Act 21-29 which details changes to the Zoning Enabling Act:** D. Raap said the P&Z voted last night to adopt a moratorium until August of 2022 regarding a decision on not allowing a dispensary to be set up in Litchfield. In view of this, the Board decided to wait to discuss as well.

**c) Replacement of Moosehorn Road Culvert over Tributary of Turner Brook:** R. Alexe explained the change order necessary to accelerate drainage to keep on schedule and be able to start the LOTCIP project funded by CT DOT with Federal funding via the NHCOC. By including an additional culvert downstream on Moosehorn Road in this project, there will be a savings by doing them together - \$153,800 vs \$212,000 if bid out. The funds for this will come from savings on bonded money from the Milton Road Bridge project (\$169,000 left). **Motion:** J. Zullo moved that the Board of Selectmen approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$153,800 to the Goodwin Hill Rd. culvert project to accommodate the additional culvert downstream on Moosehorn Road and to fund the project from the \$169,000 savings from the Milton Road Bridge project. T. Waterhouse seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

**d) Headquarters Road Culvert Wooden Guardrail Change Request:** R. Alexe said the Milton Historic District Commission approved the project but subsequently asked if they could continue the use of the timber style guardrails to match all the bridges recently replaced in Milton. **Motion:** J. Tenney moved to approve the Change Order No. 1 for procurement and installation of steel backed timber guardrails in the amount of \$13,387 to be transferred from the Milton Road Bridge project to the Headquarters Rd. project. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion passed.

**e) Minor Changes to the Recycling Center Rules and Regulations:** R. Alexe said they identified small differences in materials they receive and wanted to clarify. **Motion:** J. Tenney moved to approve the minor changes to the Rules and Regulations as presented. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

#### **Correspondence**

**a) Possible Executive Session - Personnel Matter: Motion:** J. Tenney motioned to move into executive session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. J. Tarrant seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried. All Selectmen attended, as well as Officer Greg Kenney. Out of executive session at 7:44 p.m. with no action taken.

**Adjournment: Motion:** J. Tarrant moved to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. T. Waterhouse seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.



Denise Raap, First Selectman