

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITCHFIELD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022 ~ 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 regular hybrid meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Selectmen present were Jodiann Tenney, Jeffrey Zullo and Denise Raap. Jonathan Tarrant and Christine Harding were absent. Planning and Zoning Chairman Carol Bramley was present via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of 12/6/22 and J. Tenney seconded. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Requests/Comments: As a result of Bill Buckley's summary of the meeting with DEEP, Kate Honan questioned whether the DEEP can force a treatment plant to increase capacity and pay for it. D. Raap did not remember anything like that. J. Zullo did not think that would be possible.

Selectmen's Requests: None

First Selectman's Update Report: Raz Alexe will tighten up the RFP for the Annex in January. We received news that we have received the \$1 million grant for Bantam Falls for upgrades. The Senior Holiday Luncheon was a great gathering today, with 70 attendees. We are moving ahead with a second round of Park and Recreation Coordinator interviews for this coming week. There are three or four candidates we are looking to interview. The interview committee will be Denise, Liz Callahan, Michael Lyn Cappello, who has been devoting 5 hours per week to that office, and Jay Bolton, Helen Bunnell and Gianni Perugini, also of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Resignations: **Jack Healy from Inland Wetlands Commission, effective 12/5/22:** D. Raap said Jack Healy had originally resigned because of a conflict with his work, but both Robert Blazek and D. Raap spoke to him to encourage him to stay, so he is rescinding his resignation. So D. Raap said we will not accept his resignation.

Interviews, Appointments & Reappointments

a) Reappoint Broadband Commissioners for term ending 1/2025: Jeffrey Zullo, Stephen Simonin, John Morosani, Bruce Schnitzer, John Bongiorno, Erich Marriott, Burke Gibney, Stephan Krücker: **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to reappoint the Broadband Commissioners above for a term ending 1/2025. J. Tenney seconded, all voted aye and the motion passed.

b) Reappoint Traffic Safety Community Action Group for term ending 1/2025: Clifford Cooper, Kimberly Fischer, Jodiann Tenney, Lara Hillman, Lauren DellaMonica, Patricia Peiffer, Amanda Glover, Dirk Patterson: **Motion:** J. Tenney moved to reappoint the members of the Traffic Safety Community Action Group for terms ending 1/2025. J. Zullo seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

c) Appoint/Reappoint BOS Liaison to WPCA, term 1/2028: Motion: J. Zullo moved to reappoint Christine Harding as above for term ending 1/2028. J. Tenney seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Liaison Reports/Commission-Committee Minutes: 12/8/22 WPCA; 11/17/22 Sandy Beach Commission

Sustainable Litchfield Update: J. Zullo said there has not yet been a meeting.

WPCA Liaison Update: J. Zullo said the WPCA alluded to sending the Woodard & Curran contract out sometime next month. They have the updated quote that had increased in price. Their next meeting is January 12th. He then said that he and D. Raap had attended the Planning and Zoning meeting last night that addressed the 8-24 for the WPCA solar project, which was not approved. He advised deferring any action until January 3rd when Jon Torrant and Christine Harding are here. The Board of Selectmen can discuss and override the vote of disapproval and send it on to the Wetlands Public Hearing scheduled for January 11th. The developer is working on some adjustments that might make it more tenable. D. Raap then read the non-favorable report with reason that it is not in accordance with the Plan of Conservation and Development that says, "Litchfield is a community that is open to growth and change that is consistent with the town's identity and respectful of the town's unique natural and cultural resources." They felt that cutting an acre of trees was not prudent. Carol Bramley, Chair of the P&Z, said they are concerned about the age of the forest including an ancient white pine tree with other trees protecting it. J. Zullo suggested putting this on the Selectmen's January 3rd agenda. The meeting with the arborist has been canceled.

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

Beautification Commission: 1 regular member 2/2025; 2 alternate members 2/2025
Broadband Commission: 1 alternate member 1/2025
Cable TV Advisory Council: 1 BOE members 6/2023
Capital Improvements Committee: 1 Citizen at Large 11/2023
Conservation Commission: 1 regular member 12/2025; 1 alternate member 12/2024
Economic Development Commission: 1 regular 6/2025; 1 alternate 6/2023
Inland Wetlands Commission: 1 regular 6/2025; 1 alternate member 6/2023
Litchfield Arts Council: 1 regular member 8/2024
Litchfield Prevention Council: 1 regular member 6/2024; 2 alternate members 6/2023
Milton Historic District Commission: 1 regular 1/2023; 3 alternates; 2-1/2024, 1-1/2025
Park and Recreation Commission: 1 regular member 6/2025; 1 alternate member 6/2026
Pension Commission: 1 alternate member 3/2025
Sandy Beach Commission: 1 regular member 12/2022
Social Services Board: 2 regular members 2/2024, 2/2025
Sustainable Litchfield Committee: one regular member 3/2024; 1 alternate 2024
Town Facilities Review Committee: 1 BOF Member 3/2023; 1 BOE Member 3/2023
Veterans' Advisory Committee: 1 regular member 8/2023; 1 alternate member 8/2024
Western CT Coalition, CAC #22 (formerly NW Regional Mental Health Board): 1 member 5/2023
Zoning Board of Appeals: 3 alternate members 3/2025

Tax Refunds: None

Old Business

a) Draft Solid Waste Ordinance (tabled from 12/6/22): J. Zullo asked what the effectivity date would be, and D. Raap said it would be July 1, 2023. She will ask if it should be within the ordinance, and J. Zullo said it could be also mentioned in the motion. Upon question by J. Tenney, D. Raap said she will also ask if non-profits and educational entities should be added to (6) under Sec. 12-1. J. Tenney also questioned whether some sort of incentive or credit should be in place for people to compost. J. Zullo thought the SMART Task Force should consider this. J. Zullo then said we need to identify the savings to the town and what cost is being transferred. R. Alexe said they took out \$240,000, or 40%, from their budget. J. Zullo then asked how we identify a non-residential user. D. Raap said USA Hauling does this.

He then asked how we will do outreach. Perhaps the SMART Task Force can set up a campaign and we can have a public hearing before the Town Meeting. **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to table action on this until the January 3, 2023 meeting. J. Tenney seconded, all voted aye and the motion carried.

New Business

a) Discuss Wireless Committee: Verizon had asked if we could have a wireless committee, and D. Raap will bring it up as a possibility within the Broadband Commission.

b) Route 202 Flashing Beacon at Wamogo: Superintendent Chris Leone asked to have this item on the agenda. D. Raap recounted the discussion where we, the Town, agreed to put in 55% from the ARPA funds, and thought maybe the other three Region 20 towns would be willing to put in some of their ARPA funds to make up the difference for a \$13,000 beacon. Unbeknownst to her, Region 6 was already agreeable to pay for the difference, rather than put the burden on the individual towns, so it is all set.

Adjournment: **Motion:** J. Zullo moved to adjourn at 6:09 p.m. and J. Tenney seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.



Denise Raap, First Selectman