

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Chaplin, Connecticut
June 15, 2021
Special Meeting
Minutes

Members Present: William H. Rose IV, First Selectman; Kenneth Fortier, Selectman; Anthony (Joe) Pinto, Selectman.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Suzanne Krodell, Administrative Assistant; Diana Alvarez, Treasurer; Victor Boomer, Chair/Library Board of Trustees (REMOTE).

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:16pm.

2. **Discuss and possible action regarding the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Electronic Message Board STEAP grant.**
Mr. Rose reported that this MOU was already approved by the Board of Selectmen, but we received an updated copy from the State. The extension provision was removed so it needs to be approved again.
J. Pinto made a **MOTION** to approve the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Electronic Message Board STEAP grant. K. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

3. **COVID-19 update.** B. Rose reported that we received correspondence from CCM (CT Conference of Municipalities) that the House of Representatives passed HB 6448 regarding remote meetings. It is no longer a mandate to hold remote or hybrid meetings. This was also reviewed by the Town attorney. Due to the fact it is labor intensive for record keeping, he recommends all Board and Commissions offer in person meetings only unless we get a new mandate from the State. K. Fortier made a **MOTION** for all boards and commissions to offer in-person meetings only unless we get a mandate to offer them again. J. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. Discussion: None. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

4. **Appointments and Resignations:**
J. Pinto made a **MOTION** to appoint Catherine Smith to the Historic District Commission as a regular member with a term of 9/1/21 through 8/31/2026 until expiration of term. K. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

J. Pinto made a **MOTION** to appoint Carl Lindquist to the Historic District Commission as an alternate member with a term of 9/1/2021 through 8/31/2026 until expiration of term. B. Rose seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

J. Pinto made a **MOTION** to appoint Peter Haines to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an alternate member with a term from 11/5/2019 through 11/4/2025 until the next municipal election on 11/2/2021. B. Rose seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

K. Fortier made a **MOTION** to appoint Robin Graves-Hoagland to the Senior Center Board of Directors as an alternate member with a term of 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2023 until expiration of term. B. Rose seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

B. Rose made a **MOTION** to appoint Crystal Gebhardt to the Senior Center Board of Directors as a regular member with a term from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2024 until expiration of term. J. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

B. Rose made a **MOTION** to appoint Catherine Dietrichsen to the Senior Center Board of Directors as a regular member with a term of 7/1/202 through 6/30/2024 until expiration of term. J. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

5. **Discussion regarding the William Ross Library building.** B. Rose reported that the Historic District Commission will have a public hearing on 6/22/21 to review the driveway. He checked with planning and zoning and was told the construction will be up to the zoning laws. They will need a realtor to market the building. Berkshire Hathaway was recommended, and we also used Roberta Cardinal when we sold the grange. He can check around to see if someone specializes in historic structures. He also talked to a realtor out of Scotland in the past. Rick Nassif was suggested, and B. Rose will follow up and asked the Board to research options too. He talked to Ann Chuk, abutting neighbor, and she had some concerns and would like to see the driveway on other side, but that is where the septic system will go.

6. **Personnel Matter: CONFIDENTIAL** discussion regarding salary/wages for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget and subject to be discussed in Executive Session per General Statutes section 1-200(6)(A), upon motion and vote of the Board of Selectmen.

J. Pinto made a **MOTION** to enter executive session at 6:32pm. K. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

B. Rose, K. Fortier, and J. Pinto entered into executive session at 6:32pm.

Executive session ended at 6:50pm. Special meeting resumed at 6:51pm.

J. Pinto made a **MOTION** that all hourly, elected, and stipend staff (not including Department of Public Works), to receive a 3% wage increase for the FY2021-2022 and to include a medical cost share increase of .5% to be a total of 20.5%. K. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

7. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Krodel, Administrative Assistant