

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Chaplin, Connecticut
SPECIAL MEETING
September 22, 2021
Special Meeting
MINUTES**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Irene Schein, Leslie Ricklin, Andrew Daniels, and Ann Chuk.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:17pm
2. **Discussion and possible action regarding the new firetruck.** J. Pinto reported that they narrowed it down to two trucks and they recommend E1 from Greenwood Fire in N. Attleboro Mass. The prepay is \$396,000 and we have with the grant \$386,400, with our trade-in worth about \$10,000. J. Pinto will have a packet together at the October Board of Selectmen meeting. B. Rose stated that the grant money is set-up as a reimbursable grant.
3. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Chaplin Economic and Development Commission.**

J. Pinto referenced the ordinance and asked about the charge of the commission. I. Schein state that they follow the economic trends and also let the Board know what the commission has done. They tried to find a population that was underserved in town and bring them in, this is the elderly population. They need to do more to get young seniors involved in senior centers, over 800 people in that age group. She also discussed the NECCOG zoom meeting for economic development strategies, she believes it is a regional issue and also talked about the POCD and senior housing has been actively looked at. There will be FEMA funds that could assist with senior housing. They also met with the Access agency to look at properties for this housing. A. Chuk discussed Sustainable CT vs bringing in new businesses, on how to keep existing residents here, hence why they did the sidewalk study which was already presented to the BOS. I. Schein stated that they applied for a \$15,000 grant to create the affordable housing plan and she did write a proposal to purchase Pine Acres for senior housing/affordable housing. B. Rose stated that zoning is working on the Route 6 corridor to make it all commercial, right now it is mixed. Housing brings in economic development, and we are on the cusp of change. J. Pinto suggested maybe separate committee to focus on bringing new business in and the other committee focus on community development. I. Schein said it will be hard finding members to join. She also informed the board that they had reached out to businesses in town with not much response from them. They have a Facebook page also to keep businesses informed. They worked with Sustainable CT regarding a map with businesses with not much response either. The building that used to house CT Casket was discussed and both J. Pinto and the Economic

Development Commission made attempts to bring in business there. J. Pinto suggested the Commission assist the owners of the package store who are trying to expand but are facing zoning hurdles. I. Schein suggested that the Commission and BOS work together more and that they BOS can advise the commission of what to do next and give them more guidance. The BOS agreed.

4. **Tax Refunds:** J. Pinto made a **MOTION** to approve the tax refund for Jeffrey and Merritt Knight, \$156.00; Kara Aiken, \$176.47; Frederick Silliman, \$158.60; William and Johanne Philbrick, \$90.35. K. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.
5. **Appointments and Resignations:** K. Fortier made a **MOTION** to appoint Ellen Gillon as a regular member to the Senior Center Board of Directors for a term of 7/1/2019 through 6/30/2022 effective 9/22/2021. B. Rose seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

K. Fortier made a **MOTION** to appoint Andrew Daniels as the Burning Official for a term of 9/22/2021 through 1/31/2022. B. Rose seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

6. **Personnel Matter: CONFIDENTIAL discussion regarding human resources matter 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 into executive session. K. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

B. Rose, K. Fortier, and J. Pinto entered into executive session at 6:52pm.

Executive session ended at 7:32.

Special meeting resumed at 7:32.

B. Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session. B. Rose made a **MOTION** to make a job offer to Ben Waite that is in the guidelines of the collective bargaining agreement. J. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. Discussion: B. Rose stated this is for the DPW position. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

7. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm

*Respectfully submitted by,
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