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SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 7:00 p.m.

Quinebaug Volunteer Fire Department

720 Quinebaug Road, Quinebaug, CT

MINUTES

First Selectman Keen Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. Attendance:

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil, Selectmen Amy St Onge and Steve Herbert.

Representative of the Quinebaug Fire Department: Chief Steve Bodreau.

Others: Joe Lindley (Historical Society), Anne Miller (Executive Director; TEEG), Janet Blanchette (Chair; Mill Sites Redevelopment), Kristen Orr, members of the public, WINY

Staff: Recording Secretary Dotti Durst

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion S. Herbert to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 BOS meeting seconded by A. St Onge carried unanimously.

Motion S. Herbert to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018 BOS Special Meeting seconded by A. St Onge carried unanimously.

III. Correspondence:

A. A Thank you for the Scholarship note from Olivia Antonson was received.

B. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony– River Run Academy, Wed Aug 22, 10 -12

C. Business After Hours –Wed July 18, Quintal Agency, Central Village, 5-7 PM

D. State of CT – DOH – updated Local Emergency Medical Service Plan submission

E. MCM Communications, LLC asks to review Thompson Wireless Infrastructure

F. State of CT – DECD BAR Grant (Brownfield Area-wide Revitalization) awarded to Thompson (\$170,000). Next a list of Grant terms and Conditions will be drawn up.

G. Citizen Comment: memo 6/25; Make Grosvenordale a better place.

H. State of CT – June 2018 Monthly Police Services shows 326 calls for service, with 12 accidents, 134 traffic citations and warnings.

I. CT State Library/Historic Documents Preservation Grant- \$4,500 was awarded, expiring 06- 30-19.

J. Building Department, Terry Bellman, B.O. – June 2018 – 35 Permits for \$1,342,322

K. CME Planning Consulting Services proposes filling the open Town Planning position with their consulting services which would include a town hall presence

L. A Recognition of Service memo praising Highway worker Joshua Butts

M. Last minute correspondence from a Boston solar development firm asks that the town consider utilization of the Pasay Road/Transfer Station property (84 total acres, with 37 of them suitable for a possible solar installation). The consensus of the Selectmen was that they would explore the concept. K. Beausoleil will inquire as to their availability to attend a meeting in August.

N.A memo recognizing Thompson's Worker's Compensation compliance was received, noting the health/safety committee

O.A letter of resignation from Recreation Director Angela Newell was received.

Motion by K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to add this as an agenda item under XII, OTHER, carried unanimously.

IV. Selectmen's Comments: A. St Onge - none

S. Herbert – the Fire Study team (Selectmen and Fire Department representatives) met last week to review the Plan and to formulate questions.

- The Building Committee is moving along to consider alternative energy options; that group is examining the Tighe and Bond draft proposal and creating a list of questions.

K. Beausoleil – Thanked the Quinebaug Fire Department for use of the facility for the Selectmen's monthly meeting, noting the excellence of the structure.

-A meeting with DEEP/CME and the EPA to address Brownfields, especially the property known as Sanitary Dash, resulted in a positive outcome; it looks like HUD can be provided with a letter of support when a developer begins to seek financing.

-Thompson's town attorney is retiring (35) years; an acknowledgement will be planned

- The Website upgrade is underway. Questions such as appearance/usage of the site are under discussion; the design will be based upon feedback from the committee members

- The position of Town planner is being re-posted and will remain so until the position is filled; likely organizations such as CCM and CAPA are informed of the vacancy.

- Funds missing from insurance (about \$30,000) has been addressed and the case closed.

- The opening of *Anya* on Saturday and Sunday brought in many people. K. Beausoleil met the owner, Ken Loiselle and his partner Kelly. Their goal is to meet a local need for dining. This appears to be a great addition to the town.

- The new town attorney has been sent information from SHR Energy Management and Tighe & Bond. One partner in the new firm is very familiar with PPA agreements.

- Rich Benoit (Public Works) submitted the following, presented by K. Beausoleil in his absence: The 9-ton truck is in; the paving box will be in during the next few weeks. A Leclaire Road bridge was condemned: a culvert pipe will be installed and the work will be finished in one day, reducing resident disruption. Two roads need cross-culverts which washed out during a winter storm (Ravenelle and Hill); they will re-line the pipes with pvc, the two-day project will necessitate no traffic shut-down. The Library parking area has been sealed and striped. A used bucket truck was found in our region which meets all of the town's needs and is available for purchase for \$46,000. Since it does have the chipper box in the back, as we had hoped for, it eliminates the need for a second vehicle at a work site, as well as another worker there.

- There will be a hearing tomorrow in Hartford to determine whether a position in the Selectman's office should or should not be a union position.

V. Citizens' Comments: J. Lindley – The roof project on the Historical Society building is nearing goal for donations; the damage to the planking has been found to be greater than anticipated, so the project will come in at \$6-7,000 above the quote.

- J. Lindley - The Orr Cairn Site (lithic structures – “of or pertaining to stone”) was examined last April. White quartz was found in the center of the structures; this stone is of significance to the Native American tribes known to inhabit this region. An expert states that some of the structures may go back 1,000 years. Mrs. Orr is seeking a way to preserve the artifacts in perpetuity. J. Lindley inquired about utilizing town Open Space or other land preservation funds (perhaps collected from developers as a fee paid in lieu of preservation of open space in a previous subdivision) to create an easement to protect the cairns. K. Beausoleil – this presentation will first go to the Conservation

Commission then Planning and Zoning. The ideas and possible solutions will be brought forward to a town meeting for resolution.

- Kim Alston, Quaddick Town Farm Road – a public safety concern: heavy rainflow down a gravel driveway/road brings material onto Sand Dam Road, at a place where the road has curves and drivers cannot see it in the roadway until right upon it. She asks who is responsible for creating a paved apron there, in order to alleviate the danger. K. Beausoleil – this used to be a road; the town has in the past pushed the gravel back. The Highway Department will be asked to look into prevention of a recurrence of the situation.

- VI. Building Dedication: A. Miller inquired about the protocol of naming a part of their facility on Thatcher Road for an individual. K. Beausoleil – the property is under an unlimited lease for as long as TEEG is in existence. There are no restrictions in the Ordinances or other reasons why this would not be permitted. The Selectmen noted that other town properties do have rooms or aspects dedicated to a person; this would not set a precedent. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to authorize TEEG to dedicate an area or portion of their building as may be determined by their Board of Directors carried unanimously.**
- VII. BAR Grant Consultant: J. Blanchette, representing the Mill Sites Redevelopment effort – notes that CME, per her letter of July 5, 2018, has significant involvement in the redevelopment planning to date. It seems to be in the Town’s best interest to continue with CME’s services when the grant of \$170,000 becomes available. S. Herbert – questioned the requirement for sending a project such as this out to bid. K. Beausoleil – the bid process is at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen; they may select to waive a bid requirement. CME has done excellent work to date on the project; continuing with their services would mean a seamless process, keeping the momentum going. A. St Onge – proposes to obtain advice from the Attorney; if he concurs that the bid policy can be waived, it may be best to keep the redevelopment process focused and utilize the simplest approach, which could mean CME. The consensus was to proceed thusly.
- VIII. SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) Grant Resolution: A memo from M.A. Chinatti, acting Town Planner, states that a “gap” grant of \$10,000 will be submitted to the SHPO, in order to keep all aspects of the BAR project within the scope of total grant funding.
- A Certified Resolution by the Selectmen is required to move the grant process forward. **Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to adopt a Certified Resolution for the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development, declaring Kenneth Beausoleil to be authorized to execute and deliver the contract, carried unanimously.**
- IX. Real Estate Tax Abatements: The town has acquired properties through the tax office. K. Beausoleil – reviewed the status of several parcels. The total abatement is \$22, 592.00. **Motion K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge, to abate the taxes on the three parcels for which the town already has title, and to approve abatement of two others, effective with the transfer of title to the town, carried unanimously.**
- X. Appointments:
Motion by K. Beausoleil seconded by A. St Onge to appoint Melissa Wisnieski to the Fire Police Community (July 17, 2018 –Nov 19, 2019) carried unanimously.
Motion by K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to appoint George T. O’Neil III to Inland Wetlands (July 17, 2018 – March 15, 2022) carried unanimously.

Motion by S. Herbert seconded by K. Beausoleil to appoint Mike Krogul to TWPCA (July 17, 2018 – November 5, 2019) carried unanimously. Note was made that customarily, the Town Committee sends a recommendation to fill a vacancy on a Board or Commission to the Selectmen, but having none, the Selectmen are expected to move ahead.

- XI. Class Action Suit; Kane County Utah vs U. S. – An annual payment has been received for land at the West Thompson Dam and Fort Hill (Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Federal lands which cannot be taxed locally), except for the years the suit addresses. The town attorney had not yet heard about this matter but will get back to us.

Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to authorize K. Beausoleil to sign off on the paperwork to participate in the Class Action Suit, subject to the town attorney’s positive advice, carried unanimously.

- XII. Other Business: A letter of resignation effective November 16 has been received from Angela Newell, Recreation Director, citing family reasons.

Motion S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to accept the resignation with regret carried unanimously. The selectmen praised A. Newell’s work with the town, noting that she has done an excellent job. A posting will go out seeking a new Recreation Director.

- XIII. Citizens’ Comments: none

- XIV. Tax Refunds:

Berube, Norman C. or Dorothy C.	\$26.28
Godzik, Gregory L. and Donna M.	\$5.38
Lecour, Robert J.	\$3.19
Papierski, John R. or Irene M.	\$27.17
Schmeelk, Darrin D.	\$26.51
Schmeelk, Darrin D.	\$98.85
Schmeelk, Darrin D.	\$19.70
Simoès ,Jacqueline R.	\$35.60
Toyota Lease Trust	\$264.95
Toyota Lease Trust	\$127.90
Toyota Lease Trust	\$73.30
Toyota Lease Trust	\$326.43
Toyota Lease Trust	\$294.62
Toyota Lease Trust	\$52.27
Toyota Lease Trust	\$229.77
Trepanier, Sandra	\$46.76
Tucker, Shaun S.	\$21.34
Witkowski, Kimberley L. or Brian M.	\$52.30

Motion by K. Beausoleil seconded by S. Herbert to approve the tax refunds as presented carried unanimously.

- XV. **Motion by S. Herbert seconded by A. St Onge to adjourn carried unanimously.** Adjournment was by K. Beausoleil at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Durst, Recording Secretary *Dorothy Durst*

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Board of Selectmen. Please refer to next month’s meeting minutes for approval of and/or amendments to these minutes.