

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – June 1, 2016

Milardo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the TH. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes – Special BOS Meeting – May 18, 2016 (6:00 P.M.) and
Special BOS Meeting – May 18, 2016 (7:30 P.M.):** Donlan moved to approve both sets of minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None at this time.

Correspondence – Letter from Phil Goff asking for permission to dispose of equipment at a public auction: The BOS received a request from the Asst. Director of Public Works, Phil Goff, asking permission to dispose of, at public auction, the following equipment.

Twelve ton trailer – Minimum bid - \$500.00

Used 100 gallon water tank with real and pump – Minimum bid - \$100.00

Forty-eight (48) inch mower – Minimum bid - \$200.00

Used nine foot fisher plow – Minimum bid - \$200.00

Blower/vacuum – Minimum Bid - \$200.00

Walk behind brush cutter – Minimum Bid - \$300.00

Snow blower – Minimum Bid - \$50.00

All of the above to be sold in “as in condition”.

The auction will be held at the town garage. Donlan moved to allow Phil Goff permission to sell the equipment, to be conducted by Mr. Goff, at a time and date to be determined. Approved unanimously.

Appointments – First Selectman's Assistant Position: Milardo stated there were 108 applicants for this position. She narrowed the field down to 10 and had first and second interviews. The committee for this position was Liz Milardo, Alice Zanelli, Georgia Emanuel and Kristin Battistoni. The committee decided to recommend to the BOS JoAnn Ricciardelli to replace long-time employee Alice Zanelli. Duval moved to hire Joann Ricciardelli at the recommendation of the committee. Approved unanimously.

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to refund Lori M. McCane \$97.56 for a motor vehicle – excess payment. Approved unanimously.

Milardo moved to add New Business to the agenda – Update Building Committee and LED Street Lighting. Approved unanimously.

Update Building Committee: Milardo stated there was a jail study committee appointed a while ago and now it has become a building study committee. Jeff Muthersbaugh, Chairman of the committee, was present to give an update on the various buildings. The committee members are Patrick Pinnell, Emily Carrow, Joanne Nesti, Lisa Malloy, Scott Brookes and Jared Novinski. The committee has been working on the old jail and the Scovil property. They also spoke with the CT Historical Trust Preservation to look at the Senior Center and ADA compliance. The town received a \$300,000 grant to do an assessment at the jail and market study to see what the building could be used for. An RFP went out

and nine (9) proposals were received. The committee reviewed the RFP's, picked four they wanted to interview, and chose Fuss & O'Neil for the project. They will do a full assessment of the property, other buildings on the property. There will be a public hearing to see what town's people think the property can be used for. The committee wants it to be self-sustained and not have more taxes for the townspeople, and keep its historical character but still be great use for the town. Muthersbaugh stated there is a lot of State and Federal funding and the committee does not want to have to come back to the town for funding.

Scovil Property (DOT owns) on Candlewood Hill Road, the mill buildings in Higganum. The committee spoke with the CT Historical Trust Preservation and they gave the town a "Making Places Grant", with no cost to the town. The State still owns the property, which is contaminated, and the State doesn't want to clean it up, but there is money to clean it. The DOT offered to give it to the town, but the town would have to take care of the environmental issues. The DECD said if the town can come up with a viable plan for the building, there is money to clean it up. Milardo thanked Muthersbaugh for the committee's hard work.

Milardo stated there will be a contract for the BOS to sign at the next BOS Meeting.

Donlan stated before the town puts any money into the jail, that it is self-sustaining. Muthersbaugh stated the building is large enough for mixed usage. There are two aspects one is environmental and the other is feasibility.

LED Street lighting: Milardo stated Eversource has a pilot program to put in 50 LED street lights (not poles) that are available for replacement. Milardo and Phil Goff met with Eversource to come up with a list of lights to be replaced. When a person gets an electricity bill, there are supply and delivery fees on them. The town has the fees with another vendor, not CL&P that is less expensive. Milardo did a cost comparison and the town is now paying \$9,200 a year and Eversource will be \$7,700, with a difference of \$1,400 a year savings. The energy committee is recommending going with the pilot program. Duval moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract. Approved unanimously.

Milardo stated the next BOS Meeting for June 15th is the same night as the HK Graduation and she will be changing the time and date of the meeting. TBA

Public Comments: A resident asked where the funds will go for the auction on the town equipment. Milardo stated back to the general fund.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli