

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 23, 2014  
6:00pm  
Selectmen's Conference Room**

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Members Present:** First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, Town Attorney Carl Landolina, Interim CFO Mike Marinaccio, and many interested residents.

**Discussion of possible Resolution Regarding – GS Sec.22-26g. Noise making devices used in agriculture to repel wildlife. Permits.**

Mrs. Pellegrini welcomed the residents to the meeting and asked the Selectmen if there was any objection to starting with Item #7 on the agenda-Discussion of possible Resolution Regarding ó GS Sec.22-26g. Noise making devices used in agriculture to repel wildlife. Permits.

***Mrs. Devlin made the motion to move Item #7 up to the beginning of the agenda, seconded by Mr. Knorr.***

Ms. Pellegrini began by saying that on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 she received a letter signed by several residents with regards to the use of an agricultural propane cannon at Rushmore Farm and the undue hardship that its use was causing nearby residents. Mrs. Pellegrini researched the matter with the Department of Agriculture and the Farm Bureau. While both agencies confirm the use of cannons as within a farmer's right to farm, CT State Statute GS. Sec-22-26.g. "Noise making devices used in agriculture to repel wildlife. Permits" allows an avenue to address residents' concerns with the noise. Mrs. Pellegrini introduced Town Attorney Carl Landolina to explain the Statute and answer the Board's questions regarding the process to follow. Attorney Landolina explained that the process allows for the Board of Selectmen to accept a resolution recommending the DOA deny a permit for the use of the cannons in Town and to forward the resolution to a Town Meeting. Town Meeting acceptance of such a resolution would then be forwarded on to the DOA. The DOA would then consider the resolution when approving/disapproving the permit. The DOA would ultimately make the final decision regarding the permit.

The Selectmen then listened to several residents as they described how the cannon noise adversely affected their ability to enjoy their property. There was an overwhelming response from residents in their complaints of the noise and the negative effect it had on their enjoyment of their property. The Selectmen also heard comments from Louis Lipton, representing the Farm Bureau, as well as from Tom Lyman from Rushmore Farm regarding the use and the effectiveness of the cannon.

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion recognizing that the Board of Selectmen has specifically found there is undue hardship to nearby residents due to the use of the propane noise cannon at Rushmore Farm and to authorize the Town Attorney to draft a resolution for consideration at a future Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**Board and Commissions:**

**Resignations:**

Gail Hoff was reappointed to the Prison Liaison/Public Safety Committee on December 12, 2013, however it was clarified that she is no longer a resident in Town, thus making her ineligible to be on the Committee.

***Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the resignation, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.***

**New Appointments:**

Board	Term Exp.	Member
Prison Liaison/Public Safety Committee	12/22/2014	Gary Schiessl

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Gary Schiessl to the Prison Liaison/Public Safety Committee to a vacancy made by Gail Hoff with a term expiring 12/22/2014, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Correction to Term Appointment:**

In the 12/12/13 Board of Selectmen Minutes Doug Stebbins was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term expiring on 12/22/17. The minutes state the term expires on 12/22/13. The Minutes should be corrected to correct the term expiration date.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the above term expiration date correction for Doug Stebbins, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**CIP Projects:**

Mrs. Pellegrini distributed handouts of proposed CIP Projects for the Board to review.

**Budget Discussion:**

The Board of Selectmen briefly discussed and reviewed the budget process for the 2014/2015 Budget.

**Transfers/Appropriations:**

**Department:** Department of Public Works

**Transfer To:**

<u>Overtime</u>	<u>100-3015-030-0110-5-05</u>	<u>\$11,539.21</u>
<u>Overtime</u>	<u>100-3015-030-0110-5-05</u>	<u>6,179.74</u>
		\$17,718.95

**Transfer from:**

<u>PT Temp Salaries</u>	<u>100-3015-030-0110-05-04</u>	<u>\$11,539.21</u>
<u>Regular Salaries</u>	<u>100-3015-030-0110-05-00</u>	<u>6,179.74</u>
		\$17,718.95

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above mentioned transfer submitted by the Department of Public Works, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Authorization of Scheduled Payments:**

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$109,783.39, seconded by Mr. Knorr. A unanimous vote followed.*

**Minutes:**

1/9/14 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes, 1/16/14 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes.

*Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above mentioned minutes, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. A unanimous vote followed.*

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**Opportunity to add agenda items:**

Mrs. Devlin made a suggestion to buy the Roberts Rules of order pamphlet books for all boards and commissions and that they be trained on them by the Town Clerk.

**Adjournment**

***Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

*Minutes are not official until accepted at a subsequent meeting.*