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LORI L. SPIELMAN
First Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, August 10, 2020

Town Hall Meeting Hall and Via ZOOM Conferencing

SELECTMEN PRESENT:

Lori Spielman, James Prichard, David Stavens, John Turner, Sarah Cook, Ronald Stomberg, Melinda Ferry

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tiffany Pignataro, Finance Officer/Treasurer; Timothy Webb, Director of Public Works/WPCA Administrator; Susan Phillips, Hall Memorial Library Director; Joe Palombizio, Emergency Management Director; Peter Hany, Sr., President, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps; Jack Rich II, Chief, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department; Tom Palshaw, Gary Feldman

PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

John Rachek, Chairman, and Peg Busse, Board of Finance; Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner; Mary Blanchette, Chairman, Hall Memorial Library Board of Trustee; Janelle Elliott, Jim Fay

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by First Selectman Spielman.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. **CITIZENS' FORUM:**

Gary Feldman, 108 Ellington Avenue, said that there is a lot of motorcycle traffic on Ellington Avenue racing back and forth, well over the speed limit for the area. He said that he realizes it is a challenge for the police to pursue these individuals, but he believes a periodic presence in the area would be beneficial to resolve this problem. Ms. Spielman said that she will report this to Sgt. Santa.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. July 13, 2020 Board of Selectmen Public Hearing

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2020.

B. July 13, 2020 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

Ms. Ferry said that she wants the name of Mary Miller noted in the minutes as an individual also considered for the Wall of Honor for 2020. Ms. Spielman said that names of those not chosen were intentionally left out of the minutes to avoid getting anyone's hopes up for next year. Discussion was held and the BOS members decided to amend the minutes to indicate that Mary Miller was considered for the Wall of Honor in 2020.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2020, AS AMENDED FOR AGENDA ITEM VIII.B WALL OF HONOR REFERENCING THE CONSIDERATION OF MARY MILLER.

C. July 20, 2020 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2020.

D. July 22, 2020 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2020.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Status:** Offer to Donate Land: Parcel 108-008-0001 Webster Road: Ms. Spielman provided an update on the status of this transaction. She stated that the transaction was completed today.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (FERRY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO THE AGENDA UNDER NEW BUSINESS, ITEM VI.L PRE-EMPTION SIGNAL SYSTEM FOR THE WEST ROAD INTERSECTION WITH BIG Y PLAZA.

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements

Ms. Spielman noted that there were no tax refunds/abatements to report this month.

B. Set Trash Collection Fee

Ms. Spielman asked Mr. Webb for a reminder of the reasons this item was not included in the taxes. Mr. Webb said that it was originally proposed, but was taken out in light of what the Town is facing financially, so the fee will stay in place as is. He also noted that MIRA was denied funding to upgrade their plant. The Town's contract is in effect until June 30, 2023. Mr. Stavens said that by not putting this in with the taxes, it will cost the Town in the long run. He noted that he doesn't agree with keeping the trash collection fee separate from the taxes.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT EACH RESIDENTIAL UNIT OWNER BE CHARGED A FEE OF \$125 FOR THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021 INCLUSIVE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 149-19 (E) OF THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ORDINANCE ADOPTED JUNE 21, 1993 BY TOWN MEETING AND AS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN; AND THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO ISSUE A BILL IN THE ABOVE AMOUNT TO EACH RESIDENTIAL UNIT OWNER DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2020, WITH NO INTEREST IF PAID ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2020; THEREAFTER INTEREST SHALL BE CHARGED AT THE LEGAL RATE OF 18% OR 1.5% PER MONTH FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2020 OR PORTION THEREOF, UNTIL PAID. IF THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR DETERMINE THAT THE RESIDENTIAL UNIT WAS NOT OCCUPIED AND DID NOT USE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FOR A CONSECUTIVE PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR IS AUTHORIZED TO REDUCE THE BILL BY \$62.50 FOR EACH SUCH SIX-MONTH PERIOD; NO REDUCTION IS AUTHORIZED FOR PERIODS LESS THAN SIX MONTHS OR DELINQUENT REFUSE ACCOUNTS; AND THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR SHALL PRORATE ANY NEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF MONTHS, OR PORTION THEREOF, THE UNITS ACTUALLY USED THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, OR WAS OCCUPIED; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS ON CHANGES OF OWNERSHIP OF

RESIDENTIAL UNITS THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED IF THE NEW OWNER IS BEING BILLED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME THAT THE PREVIOUS OWNER HAD NOT BENEFITED FROM SUCH SERVICE.

C. Budget Execution

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BUDGET EXECUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER.

D. Transfers for the End of Year

1. Transfers

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TRANSFER FY 2019-20 FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: 950-INSURANCE \$271,099; 10880-EVAC CHARGING FUND \$100,432 TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: 120-BOARD OF FINANCE \$728; 121-AUDITORS \$750; 320 CRYSTAL LAKE FIRE \$1,131; 331 SPECIAL DUTY \$232,970; 370 ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE \$100,432; 425 TOWN GARAGE MAINTENANCE \$90; WPCA MAINTENANCE HOCKANUM \$8,148; 513 WATERFRONT \$797; 610 HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY \$13,670; 835 HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING \$7,276; 850 PINNEY HOUSE \$712; 1021 ERASE \$4; 1091 GIS \$4,823.

2. Transfer from Salary Adjustment

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$21,398 FOR FY 2020-21 FROM ACCOUNT 1065 SALARY ADJUSTMENT TO VARIOUS TOWN DEPARTMENTS' ACCOUNTS TO COVER THE COST OF SALARY INCREASES, AS SPECIFIED IN THE ATTACHED SALARY ADJUSTMENT SCHEDULE RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE OFFICER.

3. Transfer from GF to OPEB Reserve

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TRANSFER \$100,000 FROM THE FY 2019-20 1045 GASB-OPEB TO THE RESERVE FOR OPEB.

Ms. Spielman stated that she would like to commend Tiffany Pignataro, Finance Officer, and her staff for the wonderful job they have done. She said that the 2019 audit is complete and the 2020 audit is well underway; this is the first time the audit will be completed on schedule in many, many years. Ms. Spielman reported to the BOS that Ms. Pignataro and her team have worked a lot of extra hours, crunched a lot of numbers and had to get many processes in order to accomplish this task. She thanked Ms. Pignataro and her team, noting that this is quite an achievement.

E. Bid Waiver for Hall Memorial Library - Bibliomation:

Mr. Stavens asked Ms. Phillips for a description of the Bibliomation services. Ms. Phillips said that Bibliomation supplies Hall Memorial Library's (HML) circulation system including the database, reserve system, online card catalogue and more. She noted that HML has belonged to Bibliomation since 1987.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR MEMBERSHIP TO BIBLIOMATION, INC. LOCATED IN WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT. WAIVING THE BID PROCESS IS DUE TO THE SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES AND MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS BIBLIOMATION, INC. WILL PROVIDE FOR HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY PATRONS AND TOWN RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS BIBLIOMATION, INC. BEING ACTIVELY REGISTERED TO DO BUSINESS WITH THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF THE STATE IN CONNECTICUT.

F. Probation: Tracy Cycenas, Assessment Aide, Assessor's Office

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT REGULAR EMPLOYEE STATUS TO TRACY CYCENAS, EFFECTIVE JULY 25, 2020, AS RECOMMENDED BY TIFFANY PIGNATARO, FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER, AND KIM BECHARD, ASSESSOR, RECOGNIZING THAT MS. CYCENAS HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE REQUIRED PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF 180 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF HIRE.

G. Re-establish Ad Hoc Council for Developing Positive Youth Culture

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ESTABLISH THE AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE FOR ANOTHER YEAR TO AUGUST 31, 2021.

H. Establish Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion

Ms. Spielman asked the BOS members for input regarding the membership, and next steps in establishing this committee such as defining the objectives, potential initial goals and initiatives, financial commitment, appropriate representation and other steps. Suggestions for membership included members of the Human Services Department, the faith community, the Board of Education, the YMCA and others. The BOS decided to solicit membership, through the established Statement of Interest process, for presentation to the BOS Personnel Committee for consideration and recommendation to the BOS at the September BOS meeting. BOS members agreed that this Committee will be best served falling under the Human Services Department. Mr. Turner added that the Human Services Department has put on some very successful programs relative to this topic. Mr. Turner suggested that the BOS establish the committee, begin the solicitation and the selection of the people who will serve on the Committee, and then provide the members with some very broad expectations to begin with.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ESTABLISH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

I. Position Description Revision: Administrative Secretary II, Senior Center

Ms. Cook asked if this position is in addition to the Secretary I position or if it replaces it. Ms. Cannella said that this represents the promotion of the current employee who started as a Secretary I and has taken on much more responsibility than was initially expected for the position.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY II POSITION FOR THE SENIOR CENTER JOB DESCRIPTION AS PRESENTED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR AND THE HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR.

J. STEAP Grant Application – Veterans' Memorial Park

Ms. Spielman asked Ms. Houlihan, Mr. Webb and Mr. Palombizio to explain the details related to this STEAP grant application. Mr. Palombizio solicited donations and purchased a statue of a saluting soldier that will be placed in the park. A new sidewalk, benches, a new memorial, the relocation of the existing memorial, crosswalks, and other enhancements are included in this proposal for the small area on Main Street. Ms. Spielman referred to the email communication that was provided to the BOS between the Town Planner and the Finance Officer regarding the potential financial commitment for this project. The cost of the project was reduced from \$141,600 to \$125,700 by removing from the project the PVC conduit for lighting at \$15,900. This project requires a municipal match, but the percentage the Town will be responsible for is unknown.

Expenditures the Town has already made for engineering costs and the cost of the statue can be considered part of the Town's municipal match responsibility.

Mr. Prichard asked Mr. Palombizio to check into a plaque that is located at the High School that honors Steven Tingley, but erroneously indicates he was in the US Army; he was a US Marine. Mr. Palombizio will look into this.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with, and deliver to, the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate to obtain a 2020 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant with the State of Connecticut in an amount up to \$128,205.00 for funds to be used to construct a Veterans Memorial Park; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lori Spielman, as First Selectman of the Town of Ellington, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

K. State of CT Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security – Resolution to satisfy the Emergency Management Performance Grant and the Homeland Security Grant Program Application Requirements

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lori Spielman, as First Selectman of the Town of Ellington, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

L. Pre-emption signal system for the West Road intersection with Big Y plaza

Mr. Turner asked Ms. Pignataro if this request now has to go to the Board of Finance. Ms. Pignataro explained that that the funds for this will be taken from another department at this time to allow the spending to commence and then the funds will be transferred to this specific line item in April, 2021 as the Charter allows. Mr. Turner said he will be recommending to the Fire Department that this line item continue in the budget and that they budget every year for maintenance and care of this system.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE SPENDING FROM 377-250 PREEMPTION SERVICE TOWNWIDE NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- A. Building Official: Ms. Spielman reviewed the differences between this year and last year for building projects. The numbers are significantly reduced this year.
- B. Emergency Services
 - 1. Resident State Troopers' Office: Ms. Ferry asked if the School Resource Officers (SRO) will be removed from the schools in light of "Black Lives Matter" issues. Ms. Spielman said she does not see this happening; the SROs interact with the students in the schools. She said it is a great program and Dr. Nicol would agree with her. Ms. Ferry asked what these officers did while the schools were closed. Ms. Spielman said she isn't certain of all of their activities, but she knows that they've been utilized in assignments involving chrome book deliveries, summer school at Windermere and more. Ms. Ferry asked for more specific reports from the Resident State Troopers' Office.
 - 2. Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps: Mr. Turner said that at the August 10th Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee meeting, discussion was held regarding staffing the second ambulance. The Committee recommends continuing the practice until such time until the FEMA reimbursement ends and/or the monitoring of activity indicates it is no longer needed.
 - 3. Ellington Volunteer Fire Department
 - 4. Crystal Lake Fire Department
 - 5. Emergency Management Director
- C. Fire Marshal
- D. Hall Memorial Library: Ms. Phillips said that HML served as a resource to residents during the recent Tropical Storm Isaias including providing charging stations, water, air conditioning comfort and more.
- E. Tax & Revenue Collector
- F. Town Planner: Mr. Turner asked about the Vernon application for the fields on Windermere Avenue. He said that the Planning and Zoning meeting minutes of July 27, 2020 indicate that Ms. Maryann Levesque, who sits on the Vernon Town Council, was not aware of any draft agreement between the two towns pertaining to security. Mr. Turner said speaking as the Town's E-911 Coordinator, the main driveway for the facility is in Ellington and will have an Ellington address; therefore, Ellington emergency management agencies will be responsible. Ms. Spielman said that an agreement is not yet defined due to approvals still pending. Ms. Houlihan said that she believes Ms. Levesque is referring to security from a perspective of a potential situation where kids are on the property hanging out or causing trouble, who would be responsible for responding to the situation. She added that there is an agreement being worked on between the two towns but until they have all approvals, the agreement won't be finalized.

Ms. Ferry asked Ms. Houlihan to explain the Sustainable Ellington Initiative under the Conservation Commission regarding creating a natural resource for wildlife inventory. Ms. Houlihan responded that the hope is that it will help the Commission identify areas of Town, and specifically, properties to make priorities for preservation.

- G. Finance Department
- H. Human Services Department
- I. Recreation Department: Ms. Cook said she was pleased to see Mr. Huguenin has added comparative data. She said it is very interesting.

VIII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Personnel Committee
 - 1. Resignations

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DENNIS CLAVET FROM THE AD HOC GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR ACCEPTANCE.

2. Appointments

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT KEVIN HAYES, MARY BARTLEY, JOY HOLLISTER, LISA KELLY, KATHLEEN LAREW, DIANE LASHER-PENTI, BRIAN HENDRICKSON, REV. DR. JAY M. TERBUSH, MIKE NASH, TROOPER TYLER BURNELL, JANE ROETS, BETH TAUTKUS, SGT. BRIAN SANTA, AMY DARLING AND MELISSA ABBRUZZESE TO THE AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT AINSLEY ARMSTRONG, GILLIAN PASEKA AND EASHA PATEL AS STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC COUNCIL FOR DEVELOPING POSITIVE YOUTH CULTURE FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT GEORGE M. SHAW TO THE CONNECTICUT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT LOIS TIMMS-FERRARA AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE CONNECTICUT WATER COMPANY CUSTOMER ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT RONALD STOMBERG AND RODGER HOSIG AS ALTERNATES TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2022.

Ms. Cook asked if other applicants were considered for this vacancy. Ms. Cannella said that Ms. Feldman was the one applicant who met the criteria to fill this vacancy. Ms. Cook added that she is in favor of this appointment.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT BETSI FELDMAN TO THE AD HOC GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO FEBRUARY 28, 2021.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT JONATHAN COHEN TO THE AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO DECEMBER 31, 2020.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT AARON FOSTER TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO APRIL 30, 2022.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (COOK) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT JESSICA FAY AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO MARCH 31, 2022.

IX. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS:

Mr. Turner reported that for a six-hour period during Tropical Storm Isaias, the regional 911 center experienced their busiest period ever. There will be an after-action report developed.

Ms. Ferry asked Ms. Spielman if she had made contact with the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Preservation of the Pinney House for an update on the status. Ms. Spielman said she had not had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Gillung as of yet.

Ms. Ferry asked for an update on the neighbor complaints regarding the helicopter school at Ellington Airport. Ms. Houlihan reported that the Planning Department is researching land use records to determine what approvals are present for the helicopter school and if there are any limitations within the approvals. She added that the helicopter school has been in existence for over 40 years. Ms. Houlihan said that John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, is working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to determine if activity has increased; so far, it does not appear there is an increase in activity. The complaints could be a result of the hovering helicopters and/or the fact that people are home more due to COVID-19 restrictions and therefore, the activity is more noticeable to the neighbors. Ms. Houlihan noted that a meeting was held with the property owner to see if more information could be gathered regarding the cause of the noise complaints and potential remedies. Ms. Houlihan said that between her staff, the property owner and Ms. Spielman's efforts, there is hope for a compromise to make it work for everyone.

X. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

A. Staff:

1. New Hires:

- Victoria Brooks, Custodian, DPW
- Colton DuBois, Maintainer I, DPW

2. Resignations/Retirements/Other

- Aaron Gelber, Fire Inspector
- Chelsea McNally, EMT/Ambulance Driver Per Diem

3. Promotion/Transfer/Etc.

- Patrick Roy, from Maintainer I to Maintainer II
- Kayla Condon, from Program Coordinator to Prevention Coordinator, Youth Services

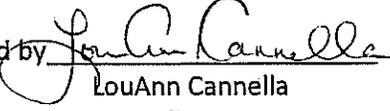
B. Other: Ms. Spielman updated the BOS on the following activities:

- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was staffed for quite a few days during Tropical Storm Isaias. A good part of Ellington suffered power outages. As of today, everyone has power. The Eversource representative did not come to Ellington, as was the agreement, and this was unacceptable. She noted that Mike Purcaro, Vernon Town Administrator, put together a press conference with representation from Ellington, Vernon, Tolland, Coventry and Stafford to address the concerns with the response from Eversource. Senator Anwar met with Ms. Spielman at Town Hall and visited the EOC. Mr. Turner said that he visited the EOC; it was nearly determined to open the shelter which, with COVID-19 restrictions, would have been very different than ever before. Ms. Cook complimented the DPW crews for their efforts in clearing the roads and their quick work.
- Discussions continue with the Water Company and representatives of Snipsic Lake to get it open for boats and other activities.
- The Annual Scarecrow Contest will go forward this year.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE: There was none.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 8:28 PM.

Submitted by 
LouAnn Cannella
Recording Secretary

Approved by 
Lori Spielman
First Selectman