

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 3, 2023
7:00 P.M.
Town Hall Meeting Room, 83 Mountain Road, Suffield CT
Hybrid Meeting**

Selectmen present: Colin Moll, Mel Chafetz, Kathleen Harrington, Pete Hill and Jerry Mahoney

First Selectman Moll called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., apologized for the delay due to technical difficulties with the Zoom link and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Approval of the minutes from the April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Harrington motioned to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2023 regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen with three changes:

Page 2 – The motion to approve the Bid and Purchase Policy was listed twice. One should be removed.

Page 3 – In the section related to ARPA funds the last bullet point has two dollar signs. One should be removed.

Page 5 – Under the section related to the Summer Fair there is a number four that should be removed.

Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Hill motioned to amend the agenda and revise the wording of agenda item #7 to read *“Discussion and appointment of Jackie Guzie as an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the remainder of Anthony Migliozi’s term through June 30, 2024.”* **Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion and approval to appoint Dara Goings as full member of the Ethics Commission to fill the remainder of Dennis Kreps’s term through June 30, 2026

Selectman Harrington motioned to approve the appointment of Dara Goings as full member of the Ethics Commission to fill the remainder of Dennis Kreps’s term through June 30, 2026. **Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion and approval to appoint Stephen Marchillo as full member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the remainder of Stephanie Dolan’s term through June 30, 2023

Selectman Mahoney motioned to approve the appointment of Stephen Marchillo as full member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the remainder of Stephanie Dolan’s term through June 30, 2023. **Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion and approval to appoint Anthony Migliozi as full member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the remainder of Jay Bombard's term through June 30, 2024

Selectman Harrington motioned to approve the appointment of Anthony Migliozi as full member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the remainder of Jay Bombard's term through June 30, 2024. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and appointment of Jackie Guzie as an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the remainder of Anthony Migliozi's term through June 30, 2024

Selectman Mahoney motioned to approve the appointment of Jackie Guzie as an alternate member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill the remainder of Anthony Migliozi's term through June 30, 2024. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and approval to disband the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety and Infrastructure Committee and create a Traffic Safety Task Force

First Selectman Moll explained the rationale behind the decision to disband, which included issues with participation and the ability to obtain a quorum due to the size of the committee. Reducing the size of the group will help solve this issue and allow them to move forward in addressing the traffic safety issues facing the town in a more effective manner.

Selectman Mahoney motioned to disband the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety and Infrastructure Committee and create a Traffic Safety Task Force. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and approval of tax abatement in the amount of \$1,032.34 to Kody Rafael Sotil due to overpayment

Selectman Harrington motioned to approve tax abatement in the amount of \$1,032.34 to Kody Rafael Sotil due to overpayment. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Call Town Meeting

Selectman Harrington motioned to call a Town Meeting and read the following:

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING 2023-2024

TOWN OF SUFFIELD

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Budget Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Suffield, Connecticut, qualified to vote in Town Meeting, will be held at the Auditorium in Suffield Middle School, 350 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT on Wednesday, **May 10, 2023** at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes to wit:

1. To consider and act upon the report and Town budget recommendations of the Board of Finance and to make such appropriations in connection therewith as may be advisable.
2. To consider and act upon the use and expenditure of American Recovery Plan Act funds as

recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

3. To approve an additional authorization outside of the Town budget of \$921,250.00 in expenditures for the Quarry Road bridge replacement to be offset by a grant.

4. To approve an additional authorization outside of the Town budget of \$750,000.00 in expenditures for the Russell Avenue bridge replacement to be offset by a grant.

5. To consider and act upon a motion authorizing the Board of Finance to print and distribute explanatory texts concerning the budget, if the budget is petitioned to referendum. Such texts may not advocate approval or disapproval of the budget and must conform to the Connecticut General Statutes, Sec. 9-369b.

Dated at Suffield, Connecticut this 3rd day of May, 2023.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Colin Moll, First Selectman
Mel Chafetz, Selectman
Kathleen Harrington, Selectman
Peter Hill, Selectman
Jeremiah Mahoney, Selectman

Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Updates

New Hires

- Fire Chief – Welcome Scott Cunningham!
- Finance Director – Welcome Al Rusilowicz!
- Youth Services Director – Welcome Kelly Giannuzzi!

All three will be starting sometime between the end of this month and the beginning of June.

Community Clean Up Day – April 29th

First Selectman Moll thanked the Environmental and Sustainability Task Force, Mel and Beth Chafetz and USA Hauling for all of their hard work in organizing this town-wide event and extended thanks to the many residents who volunteered to assist. It was a major success! The town collected approximately 2,500 pounds of trash. The hope is that this will become an annual event.

Trees for Suffield

The Trees for Suffield group planted seven trees last week. The new trees are located in front of Café Barista, M&T Bank on Mountain Road, and various spots on North Main Street. **First Selectman Moll** recognized Sue Mayne and the entire tree committee for their work in raising funds and being great environmental stewards for our community.

Veterans Breakfasts

First Selectman Moll noted that there has been a tremendous outpouring from volunteers interested in sponsoring the monthly Veterans Breakfasts at the VFW. There are currently enough sponsors to cover the monthly breakfasts for the next two years. Thank you to all of the organizations and local businesses in town who have stepped up to serve our Veterans.

Veterans Memorial Expansion

The Veterans Memorial Committee is accepting applications for those individuals from Suffield who served on active duty beginning on September 11, 2001 through August 31, 2021. The nomination form can be found on the town website.

Monster Tag Sale

Hill Top Farm will be holding their Monster Tag Sale event this weekend.

PMC Kids Ride

The PMC Kids Ride will be held on Saturday, May 13th.

Selectman Chafetz thanked all for their participation in the Clean-up day last weekend and noted that there were many children involved in the event. All were amazed at the number of “nip” bottles collected from the side of the road.

Selectman Hill mentioned that he will be sponsoring the June 4th Veterans Breakfast and bringing his famous breakfast casserole and Mrs. Murphy’s donuts. He is hopeful that he will draw the largest crowd yet to the veteran’s breakfast! Good luck Pete!

Public Comment

None

Selectman Mahoney motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen O. Lambert
Recording Secretary