

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MAY 15, 2024  
7:00 P.M.  
83 Mountain Road, Suffield CT  
Hybrid Meeting**

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

First Selectman Moll called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

Scott Graves, 535 Forest Road – Mr. Graves provided his thoughts and concerns on the proposed Landfill Policy and how it will impact Suffield residents who do not possess a Connecticut driver’s license due to living in another state for the majority of the year.

**Approval of the minutes from the May 1, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen as presented. Vote: 4 in favor and 1 abstain (Chafetz.) Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to add agenda item 3A “Discussion and approval of resolution for EMPG Fiscal Year 2023 Competitive Pool Funding.” Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and approval of resolution for EMPG Fiscal Year 2023 Competitive Pool Funding**

First Selectman Moll explained the reasoning behind the approval of this non-reimbursable grant and how it will operate.

Selectman Mahoney MOTIONED to approve the resolution for EMPG Fiscal Year 2023 Competitive Pool Funding. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and approval to reappoint Kelly Giannuzzi to Amplify through May 31, 2025**

Selectman Mahoney MOTIONED to approve reappointment of Kelly Giannuzzi to Amplify through May 31, 2025. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and approval to reappoint Martin Page as an alternate member of the Permanent Building Commission through 5/31/2028**

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to approve reappointment of Martin Page as an alternate member of the Permanent Building Commission through 5/31/2028. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and approval to appoint a new member to the Kent Memorial Library Commission to fill the remainder of Les Webb’s term through November 30, 2027**

Selectman Mahoney MOTIONED to approve appointment of Bob Parks to the Kent Memorial Library Commission to fill the remainder of Les Webb’s term through November 30, 2027.

Detailed discussion ensued as to which candidate would be the best choice for the position.

Vote: 3 in favor (Moll, Mahoney and Harrington) and 2 opposed (Hill and Chafetz.) Motion passed.

**Discussion and approval to appoint new members to the Charter Revision Commission**

First Selectman Moll thanked all of the individuals who submitted letters of interest. The selectmen reviewed the list of candidates, expressed their thoughts and concerns, and deliberated over what the appropriate number of members should be, considering the finite issues and the restricted time line involved. Selectman Chafetz decided against serving as the ex-officio member of the commission; Selectman Harrington volunteered to serve.

Selectman Mahoney MOTIONED to appoint Jeremy Lambert, Frederic Dubour, Eric Remington, Michael Haines and Ray Dalrymple to the Charter Revision Commission and charge the Charter Revision Commission to review changing the Treasurer, Town Clerk and Tax Collector positions from elected to hired positions with a deadline to report to the Board of Selectmen by August 21, 2024 and allow the First Selectman to set the date for the first meeting and call that meeting to order. Vote: 4 (Moll, Mahoney, Harrington and Hill) in favor and 1 opposed (Chafetz.)

**Discussion and approval of Landfill Policy**

First Selectman Moll referenced specific portions of the Landfill Policy that he felt should be approved at this time and explained his rationale. The selectmen addressed permitting and fee components, and walked through differing scenarios based on the policy language pertaining to proof of property ownership or vehicle registration. Suggested changes to the policy language were considered as well as an increase to the permit fees.

Selectman Mahoney MOTIONED that the Landfill and Transfer Station Policy, as highlighted and amended by discussion this evening, be adopted by the Board of Selectmen. Vote: 4 in favor (Moll, Mahoney, Harrington and Chafetz) and 1 opposed (Hill.) Motion passed.

**Discussion of Town Right of Way Ordinance**

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to table Agenda item #9 to the June agenda. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Fred Sweitzer, 165 South Stone Street – Mr. Sweitzer thanked the board for considering him to fill a position on the Kent Memorial Library Commission and expressed his continued interest should other open positions become available.

Tess McCool, 10 Sutula Road - Ms. McCool also thanked the board for considering her for a position on the Kent Memorial Library Commission and expressed her willingness to be a resource in any way possible. Ms. McCool would like to be considered again if an open position becomes available.

Bob Parks, 30 Barry Place – Mr. Parks thanked the board for their support and looks forward to working on the Kent Memorial Library Commission.

Scott Graves, 535 Forest Road - Mr. Graves thanked the board for having an open mind on the Landfill Policy issues and expressed his appreciation for all they do.

Sandra Janik, 380 Prospect Street – Ms. Janik thanked the board for all their hard work with the Library Commission and the Charter Revision Commission and for considering her in the process.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Selectman Updates**

#### **Budget**

First Selectman Moll noted that the FY 2024-25 Budget passed on May 8, 2024 and thanked the selectmen for all their hard work.

#### **Finance Director**

The new Finance Director, Mandy Moore, will start in her new position on June 1, 2024.

#### **Cold Storage Building**

The cold storage building is almost complete. The foundation will be poured in the next few days.

#### **Art Walk/May Market**

The Art Walk and May Market will be held this weekend.

#### **Memorial Day Parade**

The Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 28, 2024.

#### **Foreclosure Notices**

Foreclosure notices will be going out soon. We will be preparing for tax sales later this year for tax collection.

#### **Dustin Doyon Memorial 5K**

The annual Dustin Doyon Memorial 5k will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2024. There is still time to donate and/or participate in the race.

The Dustin Doyon Scholarship Fund is the official sponsor of the Suffield Summer Fair 50/50 Raffle. Half of the proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle will be given directly to the Dustin Doyon Scholarship Fund. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.

#### **Fundraising for Soldier Suicide Prevention**

The owner of the Shamrock Café is fundraising during the month of May for Soldier Suicide Prevention. Contact the Shamrock Café directly for further details.

Selectman Mahoney MOTIONED to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen O. Lambert  
Recording Secretary