

Mayor and Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
 August 19, 2024
 Town of Putnam Municipal Complex
 200 School Street, Room 109
 Putnam, CT
 Also on Zoom:
 Meeting ID# 838 5084 4503

TOPIC	Discussion	
PRESENT:	Mayor Seney, Deputy Mayor Simmons, Selectman Hayes, Selectwoman Marion, Selectman Pempek, Selectman Pomes, Selectman Paquin	
ABSENT:		
1.	Call to Order	Mayor Seney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2.	Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Mayor Seney
3.	Public Comment	Diane Trembley – 93 Grove Street, concerned about the maintenance of Rotary Park and the river trail. She stated it is difficult to see the river and a bush hog could take care of the work that needs to be done.
4.	Approval of the minutes	<p>A. Minutes from July 15, 2024, Board of Selectmen Meeting</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2024, Board of Selectmen Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Selectman Paquin and passed unanimously.</p> <p>B. Minutes from July 22, 2024, Special Board of Selectmen Meeting</p> <p>Selectwoman Marion made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2024, Board of Selectmen meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Selectman Paquin and passed unanimously.</p> <p>C. Minutes from August 5, 2024, Special Board of Selectmen Meeting</p> <p>Selectman Paquin made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2024, Special Board of Selectmen meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek. Selectwoman Marion would like to amend the minutes to reflect Selectwoman Marion and Selectman Pempek abstaining from the vote. Mayor Seney would also like the minutes to reflect his abstaining. Selectwoman Marion made a motion to approve the amended minutes. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.</p>

5.	Petitions & Communications	<p>A. Letter from Town of Willington Letter of appreciation was shared with the Board.</p> <p>B. Letter from Aspinock Historical Society Letter of appreciation was shared with the Board.</p> <p>C. Resignation of Bernie Ducat from Veterans' office Selectwoman Marion made a motion to accept the resignation of Bernie Ducat from the Veteran's office with regret. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.</p>
6.	Reports of Special Committee	None
7.	Reports of Standing Committee	<p>A. General Government Committee Nothing to report</p>
8.	Town Administrator Report	Town Administrator Sistare reviewed her report with the Board.
9.	Unfinished Business	<p>A. Use of ARPA Funds – 800 MHz Radio Transition Selectwoman Marion made a motion to approve the use of up to \$600,000.00 of ARPA Funds for the purchase of 800 MHz Radio's. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.</p> <p>B. Use of ARPA funds – EMS Facility Study Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to approve \$14,700 from ARPA funds to do a Facility Study on the EMS building. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.</p>
10.	Grant Considerations & Updates	<p>Town Administrator Sistare informed the Board that the Registrars office has been awarded a grant of \$20,000 for election expenses.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to accept the grant of \$20,000 for election expenses. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Marion and passed unanimously.</p>
11.	New Business	<p>Selectman Hayes made a motion to add an item to the agenda. Item 11 E. EMS Future Needs.</p> <p>A. Thank you to Planning Commission members. Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to approve the purchase of plaques to thank the Planning Commission members as well as sending a letter of appreciation to the members. The motion was Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously.</p>

		<p>B. Removal of Robert Greene from the WPCA Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.</p> <p>Selectman Paquin made a motion to discuss. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pempek and passed unanimously. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Greene’s dedication on Boards and Commissions over many years.</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Simmons made a motion to remove Robert Greene from the WPCA and Zoning Board of Appeals with regret. The motion was seconded by Selectman Paquin and passed unanimously.</p> <p>C. Special BOS Meeting – Not needed, removed from agenda.</p> <p>D. Future Use of ARPA – Not needed, removed from agenda.</p> <p>E. EMS Future Needs</p> <p>Selectman Hayes stated he called a few different companies, and the Town could rent or purchase a temporary building to house EMS during repair and get the staff into a safe environment. The cost would be a lease of approximately \$30,000 per year or a purchase of \$75,000. Mayor Seney thanked Selectman Hayes for the idea, agreeing it is a great option. The Board will wait until the study of the EMS facility is complete to make any decisions.</p>
12.	Public Comment	<p>3 Minute Maximum per person</p> <p>None</p>
13.	Adjournment	<p>Mayor Seney adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM</p>

