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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JANUARY 2, 2025
7:00 P.M.
83 Mountain Road, Suffield CT
Hybrid Meeting**

Selectmen present: Colin Moll, Kathleen Harrington, Pete Hill (Via Zoom) and Mel Chafetz

Also Present: Derek Donnelly – Town Attorney (Via Zoom)

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

None

Discussion and approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2024 Joint Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2024 Joint Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance with one change as follows:

- 1) In line one/paragraph one of the Board of Selectmen's discussion - add an apostrophe to read "this evening's."

Vote: 4-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and approval of the minutes from the December 11, 2024 Public Hearing

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2024 Public Hearing with one change as follows:

- 1) Change adjournment from 7:25 a.m. to 7:25 p.m.

Selectman Harrington thanked resident William Steinka for bringing this correction to our attention.

Vote: 4-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and approval of the minutes from the December 17, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen with two changes as follows:

- 1) In line three of the Board of Selectmen's discussion – change "selectman" to "selectmen"
- 2) In line one of the Vote to approve – change "Chairman Harrington" to "Selectman Harrington."

Vote: 4-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and appointment of Klaire Bielonko to fill Jerry Mahoney's vacancy on the Board of Selectmen through November 18, 2025

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to approve the appointment of Klaire Bielonko to fill Jerry Mahoney's vacancy on the Board of Selectmen through November 18, 2025.

First Selectman Moll expressed his thanks to former selectman Jerry Mahoney for his work and service to the community. Selectman Harrington expressed her excitement at the opportunity to serve with Ms. Bielonko and spoke highly of her experience and qualifications. First Selectman Moll echoed Selectman Harrington's sentiments and noted that he has been very impressed with the work Ms. Bielonko has done during her time on the Historic District Commission and the Kent Memorial Library Commission and looks forward to working with her in her new role as a selectman.

Vote: 4-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

First Selectman Moll invited Selectman Bielonko to come forward and speak to the commission and the audience members. Selectman Bielonko thanked both the residents and the selectmen for coming out to support her and said she looks forward to continuing to serve the town in her new position as a selectman.

Selectman Chafetz MOTIONED to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen O. Lambert
Recording Secretary