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REC'D BY: *C. Moore*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 5, 2025
7:00 P.M.
83 Mountain Road, Suffield CT
Hybrid Meeting**

Selectmen present: Colin Moll, Kathleen Harrington, Pete Hill, Klaire Bielonko and Mel Chafetz

Also Present: Mandi Moore – Finance Director, Karin Ziemba – Human Resource Director, Lee Corbert – Director of Public Works and Robin Zatony – Social Services Commission Chair

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 February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and approval to transfer \$27,630 from Contingency for new Munis software implementation and refer to the Board of Finance

Mandi Moore, Finance Director and Karin Ziemba, Human Resource Director addressed the selectmen and explained the benefits of the new Munis software and how it will positively impact the town. The selectmen asked questions which Ms. Moore and Ms. Ziemba answered accordingly.

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to approve transfer of \$27,630 from Contingency for new Munis software implementation and refer to the Board of Finance. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to amend the agenda to move item number 5 to number 6a. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Landfill Policy and Fee Schedule changes and call Public Hearing

DPW Director Lee Corbert discussed updates to the landfill policy and fee schedule. The changes aim to address a significant rise in disposal costs. Mr. Corbert referenced a memo sent to the Board of Selectmen in advance of the meeting which outlined, in detail, the changes being made. The policy is intended to ensure fairness for all

residents. In addition to the fee schedule increases, Mr. Corbert plans to work with the Town Attorney on updating the landfill ordinance.

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to call a Public Hearing for March 19, 2025. Vote: 5-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of the Social Services Commission

First Selectman Moll noted that there have been concerns about the Social Services Commission's structure and attendance. The commission's current chair, Robin Zatony, shared her concerns and vision for the commission's future. She discussed the challenges she has faced in her role with the Social Services Commission, noting that the commission members lack motivation and have been unresponsive to her efforts to bring about change. First Selectman Moll proposed a possible restructuring of the commission to make it more flexible, suggesting a model similar to the Sustainable Suffield task force, where members could be selected based on their passion and availability. Ms. Zatony agreed that commission's structure might be the cause of the issues, as it doesn't seem to place the right people in the right positions. She expressed her desire for a more active and engaged community. First Selectman Moll agreed to discuss possible changes with the Town Attorney, in order to get appropriate guidance, and to put this item on the next Board of Selectmen agenda for further consideration.

Public Comment

None.

Selectman Updates

STEAP Grant

The STEAP Grant application has been submitted for a requested \$1M to assist with costs of the Emergency Services Radio Project.

WPCA

We have a tentative agreement for the WPCA collective bargaining agreement. Thank you to all the members and other individuals involved in the negotiation process.

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Jim Taylor, our long-time Zoning Enforcement Officer will be retiring in June. The town will be looking for his replacement over the next four months.

Youth Services Director

Youth Services Director Kelly Giannuzzi will be stepping down from her position in mid-March to pursue her interests in agriculture. First Selectman Moll thanked Ms. Giannuzzi for all the work she has done over the last few years and wished her well.

Selectman Hill MOTIONED to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen O. Lambert
Recording Secretary