

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
July 21, 2010**

**Present:** First Selectman Tom Frenaye, Eileen Moncrief, Brian Fitzgerald, Joanne Sullivan and Timothy Reynolds. Mr. Frenaye called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 21, 2010 in the lower level conference room.

**Minutes:** Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2010. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of July 7, 2010. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Lease with Clear Wireless LLC:**

Present was Economic Development Director Patrick McMahon. Clear Wire was requesting a lease to locate cellular equipment on the town-owned Water Tower on Betty Lane. The lease would be for a period of 5 years with five 5-year renewal terms. Due to the length of the proposed lease, the Board of Selectmen needs to refer this to a Town Meeting for approval. Clear Wire is proposing three antenna sectors to be located at the 175 foot mark on the water tower. They will also be leasing ground spaces of 10'x10' for ground equipment. The Conn. Water Company leases the water tower from the Town. The design of the improvements is contingent upon CT Water Company's approval. The Lease has been negotiated with Clear Wire through the Town Attorney.

The Lease payment on the water tower will begin at \$1800/month and increase by 4% annually. The Zoning & Planning Commission gave a favorable Section 8-24 recommendation.

Selectman Reynolds made a motion that the Board of Selectmen favorably recommends entering into a lease with Clear Wireless LLC to locate telecommunications equipment at the Betty Lane Water Tower for an initial period of 5 years with five 5-year renewal terms and refer this item to a Town Meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Central CT Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA):**

Central CT Solid Waste Authority (hereinafter "CCSWA") is being formed to provide long term solid waste management solution to municipalities, which would be responsive and cost effective.

The CCSWA is requiring interested municipalities to pass an Ordinance which would make a municipality a member of the CCSWA. It does not require any level of participation, nor does it commit Suffield to any legal or financial obligations. Future legal and financial obligations will be discussed by the Authority membership and signed off by each town individually on a case by case basis. A Town may choose to exit at any time.

Mr. Frenaye reported that 16 towns have already signed on. Many municipalities are looking for alternatives for their solid waste disposal, when their present contract with CT Resource Recovery Authority expires.

Selectman Moncrief made the following resolution:

**Whereas**, the municipalities constituting the Mid-Connecticut Project have been researching solutions for long-term solid waste disposal when their contract with the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority expires in 2012; and

**Whereas**, 48 municipalities have expressed interest in joining efforts to find long-term solid waste disposal solutions; and

**Whereas**, the Capitol Region Council of Governments has performed a regional solid waste options analysis and successfully tested the presence of alternatives in the private market through a Request for Information for Integrated Regional Solid Waste Management Services covering Transfer, Transportation, Disposal and Processing/Recycling Services; and

**Whereas**, the Capitol Region Council of Governments Executive Committee has authorized CRCOG staff to facilitate the forming of a solid waste management authority to represent municipalities interest in conducting an RFP and negotiating for long term solid waste disposal services; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Suffield has expressed preliminary interest in taking part in the solid waste authority formed with the assistance of the Capitol Region Council of Governments, to be known as the "Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority" ("CCSWA"), and has authorized the payment of a fee of \$500 to help defray the professional fees necessary to draft a model ordinance (The "CCSWA Ordinance") for local passage; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Suffield has reviewed the CCSWA Ordinance and found its provisions acceptable.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Selectmen does hereby recommend to send to a Town Meeting, the adoption of the CCSWA Ordinance, thereby making the Town of Suffield a member of the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority.

The resolution was approved with all voting in favor and Selectman Sullivan abstaining. Motion carried.

**Appointments:**

Parks & Recreation:

Selectman Sullivan made a motion to appoint David Rusnock from alternate member to full member of the Parks & Recreation commission to replace Jane Smith who has resigned, through June 30, 2012. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Selectman Reynolds made a motion to appoint Kerri H. Milne as alternate member to the Parks & Recreation Commission to fill the vacancy of David Rusnock through June 30, 2012. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Reappointments:**

Retirement Commission:

Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to reappoint Matt Falkowski to the Retirement Commission through August 2014. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Set Dates for Public Hearing & Town Meeting:**

Selectman Reynolds made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room, 83 Mountain Road, to discuss the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority proposed Ordinance. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Selectman Reynolds made a motion to set a Town Meeting for Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Suffield High School Auditorium for the following purpose: To accept the Clear Wireless Lease for placement of antennas on the Town owned Water Tower; To consider the adoption of an Ordinance to create and become a member of the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**First Selectman's Updates:**

Mr. Frenaye said the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) and Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) grants have been submitted and approved by the Board of Finance. The town is waiting to hear if the Grant applications have been successful.

There are several road projects underway. The Thrall Avenue partial pavement project was funded by the State of Connecticut, Town Road Aid Funds. Drainage was done as well as a new base for the road.

Road striping is being done in Town. Also, the Town of East Granby has helped with roadside mowing.

The Bid for the reconstruction and paving of the Overhill Drive area came in about \$100,000 less than estimated. Work on the roads in that area should begin in a few weeks.

The State of Connecticut sent notice that a portion of Rte. 159 approximately 2.4 miles from Thompsonville Road to the State Line will be crack sealed in the Spring of 2011.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday falling on Sunday, caused many problems in town for trash pickup. Many residents thought the holiday would be celebrated on Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> and their trash would be picked up a day later. However, since CRRA was open for trash disposal on July 5<sup>th</sup>, USA Hauling sent their trucks out for normal pickup on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. This caused many people to miss their pickup. USA worked with the town to get another truck in Town to go back had pick up all the residents that phoned in with a missed trash complaint.

**Public Comment:** None

**Executive Session:**

Selectman Reynolds made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract negotiations and a legal matter. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The Selectmen went into session at 8:06 p.m. Invited into executive session was Attorney Joseph Flynn, Jr. and Assessor, Steve Kosofsky. Mr. Kosofsky left the executive session at 8:30 p.m. Attorney Flynn left the executive session at 8:48 p.m.

Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:24 p.m. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

After the Executive Session, there was no vote.

**Adjournment:**

Selectman Reynolds made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Koren, Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: August 18, 2010 at 7 p.m.**