

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JUNE 20, 2012**

Present: First Selectman Edward G. McAnaney, Timothy Reynolds, Joanne Sullivan, Eileen Moncrief and Brian Fitzgerald. Mr. McAnaney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Suffield Town Hall, 83 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT

Minutes: Selectman Moncrief made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2012 regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen as presented. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Public Comments: Warren Packard, 2 Oxford Drive, Suffield, CT, I was disappointed that there was no mention of bonding being discussed at tonight's meeting. I am here to remind you folks that this appears to be the time when we ought to be borrowing and I hope you will discuss this as soon as possible. Selectman Reynolds suggested it be discussed at the August meeting.

Bruce Rietberg, Devine Road, Suffield, CT, took pictures of places where there are crosswalks and signs which are more visible than the ones on Bridge Street and suggested that something should be done about the crossings there.

Vision Appraisal Revaluation Contract: The First Selectman stated that the Assessor is pleased with the work Vision does. Vision has agreed to fully defend all of their valuations and there will be no additional cost to the Town. After a brief discussion Selectman Reynolds made a motion to approve the Contract for the Reappraisal and Revaluation of Taxable Real and Exempt Property located within the corporate limits of Suffield, Connecticut effective October 1, 2012 with Vision Appraisal and authorize the First Selectman to execute said contract on behalf of the Town of Suffield. Vote 5-0 in favor.

Vote to transfer the sum of \$5,067.07 from the Contingency Fund to Emergency Management for antennas on Suffield High School: Selectman Sullivan made a motion to transfer \$5,067.07 from Contingency Fund to Emergency Management for antennas on Suffield High School and to approve the payment of \$5,067.07 for antennas on Suffield High School for DOC. Vote 5-0 in favor

Approve transfer of \$47,916.67 from Contingency Fund to Town Counsel for Legal Settlements: Selectman Moncrief made a motion to transfer from Contingency Fund line item to Town Counsel Legal Settlement line item in the amount of \$47,916.67. Vote 5-0 in favor

Approve transfer of \$2,000 from Zoning and Planning – Contract Services to Zoning and Planning – Payroll: Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the transfer from Zoning and Planning – Contract Services of \$2,000.00 to Zoning and Planning – Payroll of \$2,000.00. Vote 5-0 in favor

Reappoint William E. Wood as Central Regional Tourism District Representative:

The First Selectman stated Mr. Wood has been our representative in the Central Regional Tourism since forever. This is a four year appointment from 2012 until 2016.

Selectman Fitzgerald made a motion to reappoint William E. Wood as Central Regional Tourism District Representative for a term of four years. Vote 5-0 in favor

Appointment of John Schwemmer as an Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals:

The First Selectman stated that he will be replacing Mark Blackaby a Republican as an alternate and he has an interest in being an alternate. Selectman Moncrief made a motion to appoint John Schwemmer as an Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a four year term. Vote 5-0

Appoint Robert S. Brooks to the Social Services Commission: Selectman Moncrief made a motion that Robert S. Brooks be appointed to complete a four year term to the Social Services Commission. Vote 5-0 in favor

Appoint Kevin Sullivan as Town Tree Warden: First Selectman stated that the Tree Warden who was Ron Vidal retired and we need a new Tree Warden. Mr. Sullivan is an Arborist and he is willing to serve as our Tree Warden without compensation. Selectman Reynolds asked what he does for a living and Mr. Sullivan stated that he grows trees, installs trees and repairs trees. After a brief discussion at which time Mr. Sullivan stated his qualifications and goals as Tree Warden, Selectman Reynolds made a motion to appoint Kevin Sullivan as the Town of Suffield Tree Warden for the next year. Vote 5-0 in favor

Selectmen's Updates: (a) Reimbursements – an e-mail from the Deputy State Public Assistance Coordinator states that Suffield's awards will not be processed until August due to staffing shortage and a heavy backlog. (b) Update on Bridge Street School - The First Selectman stated that the RSPs for the purchase and development of the Bridge Street School property. There were three responses. Mr. McAnaney brought the proposals to the Selectmen's meeting for review by the other Selectmen. Patrick McMahon states in his memo that a group will review the proposals and make a suggestion to the Selectmen. After much discussion the First Selectman stated that these proposals will be available in his office for continued review.

Selectman Fitzgerald stated we have been talking about long range planning and the Board of Finance has been shaping long range planning for more than five years. After a brief discussion it was decided to have a work shop at the July 18, 2012 meeting to work on this.

Adjourn: There being no further business to come before the Board of Selectmen Selectman Moncrief made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Vote 5-0 in favor Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Audrey Weir, Recording Secretary