

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Chaplin, Connecticut
Thursday, March 7, 2019
MINUTES **AMMENDED****

Members Present: William H. Rose IV, First Selectman; Anthony Pinto, Selectman.

Members Absent: Matthew Cunningham, Selectman.

Others Present: Will Hooper, Board of Education; Bob Mott, Resident.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.
2. **Additions to Agenda:** Mr. Rose added agenda item "6D. Discuss and possible action regarding the FY 2019-2020 Budget".
3. **First Audience of Citizens:** Mr. Mott wanted to tell the Board how impressed he was with the current Town DPW crew and that they have been doing a fantastic job in the Town. He also has concerns regarding property at the intersection of Route 6 and Cross Road and Old Hampton Road being used as a dumping ground. He submitted a detailed letter describing the issue. Mr. Rose stated that they have been looking at the location and are in the process of developing a plan to prohibit materials from being dumped there, potentially closing part of the road to block access to the area.
4. **Approve minutes of:** Mr. Pinto made a **MOTION** to approve the 2/7/19 Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes. Mr. Rose seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed. Mr. Pinto made a **MOTION** to approve the 2/28/19 Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes. Mr. Rose seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.
5. **Communications and Reports**
 - A. **Trooper Report:** Percentage of calls went down last month.
 - B. **Board Members Reports:** Mr. Rose reported that there has been a lot of activity on the State budget, potential regionalization's of schools, mandated recycling efforts, loss of ECS grant funding. Chaplin is in good financial shape, but we will see what cuts the Town faces.
 - C. **Board of Finance Discussion:** Mr. Weingart, Chairman/Board of Finance, was unable to attend but submitted comments for the meeting:
 - We stand to lose approximately \$200,000 in ECS funding for FY 19-20 & approximately \$400,000 for FY 20-21.
 - Other State funding is approximately the same
 - Town budgets will be reviewed at the March 11th BOF meeting.
 - The next CIP Committee meeting is March 20th
 - FY 2017-18 audit is complete, filed with the State, and we have received our printed copies.
 - Audit RFP: we received only one proposal from our current auditors, MAWC LLP. The BOF will decide when to open the bid at our March 11 BOF meeting.
 - D. **Correspondence:** None

- E. ****Building/Infrastructure:** ~~Mr. Rose reported that we had received 2 grants for Bedlam and England Road bridges. Mr. Rose reported we had a STEAP grant years ago for Bedlam bridge but none at this time. Also, we applied to the Federal Bridge program for repairs to England Road Bridge, we are now applying for a full replacement of the bridge. We also received evaluations on bridges - England Road bridge has extensive rust, full bridge replacement for England Road. Just a couple other small items on South Bear Road bridge. Morey Road bridge broken guardrail. Bedlam will probably be full replacement, issue with wingwalls. Town buildings are in good shape, but we will replace town hall parking lot.~~

6. New Business

- A. **Tax Collector Refunds:** None
- B. **Resignations/Appointments:** None
- C. **Discuss and possible action regarding the Mowing Bid Contract for FY2019-2020:** Mr. Rose made a **MOTION** to accept mowing bids for FY 2019-20 on 4/11/19 by 2pm, to be opened at 2:15pm and discussed at the Board of Selectmen meeting on 4/11/19 at 7:00pm. Mr. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.
- D. **Discuss and possible action regarding the FY 2019-2020 Budget:** The Board of Selectmen reviewed the budget at a previous meeting. They are still waiting on some information – Willimantic Waste contract will probably increase 3% for 1st 3 years, then 3-5% for remaining 2 years. They had a recent meeting with Ben Brockett regarding contracted ambulance services, he is getting proposals. We are still waiting on Windham hospital – no paramedic budget figure yet. Mr. Rose made a **MOTION** to approve budgets for Public Works, Building/Grounds/Maintenance, Town Memberships, Sanitation, Employee Fringe Benefits & Costs, Board of Selectmen, General Government, and Transfer Station to be presented at the next Board of Finance meeting. Mr. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

7. Old Business

- A. **STEAP Grant (North Bear Hill Bridge):** Mr. Rose reported that the project is completed and there was about \$150,000 left over from the grants. He is in the process of trying to get these funds moved over to the Bedlam Bridge project.
- B. **Discussion regarding England Road Bridge Project:** Application for grants in process.
- C. **Discussion regarding North Bear Hill Drainage Project:** Engineering almost complete, bid documents almost complete. Once we have good weather engineers will come out and hope to be out for bid early April/May.
- D. **Discussion regarding Bedlam Road Bridge Project:** Application for grants in process
- E. **Discuss tentative plans to celebrate Chaplin Bicentennial in 2022:** We advertised for members for the committee, there was also an article in the Chronicle. We currently have two volunteers.
- F. **Discuss All Pending and New FOI Requests:** Mr. Rose read an updated request from Kathi Newcombe on 2/11/19 (follow-up from initial request on 2/4/19).
- G. **Discussion regarding the Department of Public Works:** New plow truck has been delivered and is in service.
- H. **Discussion on Hampton/Chaplin Ambulance Corp:** No update.
- I. **Discussion regarding the move of the Emergency Command Center:** Mr. Rose spoke to Jim Randall, Emergency Management Director, and stated that the new command center has to be in place for hurricane season.

8. Second Audience of Citizens - Note: Comments are limited to agenda items and subject to Chair discretion. Mr. Hooper inquired about Bedlam Cemetery and if there were plots available for sale. Mr. Rose said not at this time, but they can look into possibly expanding it for cremations only. He also asked if there were woodchips available to the residents from the DPW tree projects. Mr. Rose suggested he talk to Dave Stone, DPW Supervisor. Mr. Mott inquired about Singleton road and repairs. Mr. Rose explained the history of the road and due to the State clear cutting some areas there is a lot more water run off than before. He discussed culvert systems and changing the grade of the road in some areas.

9. Agenda Suggestions for next meeting

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10. Date, time, and place of next meeting: April 11, 2019 @ 7:00pm – Chaplin Senior Center.

11. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

*Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Gluck
Administrative Assistant/Recording Clerk*