

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Chaplin, Connecticut
January 5, 2021
Special Meeting
Minutes**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Suzanne Krodell, Administrative Assistant

Remote Dial-In: Dick Weingart, Chairman/Board of Finance; Jim Randall, Emergency Preparedness Director.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm.
2. **Tax Collector Refunds:** Mr. Fortier made a **MOTION** to approve a tax refund to Enterprise Trust for \$108.55; tax refund to Ricky Baily for \$6.27; and a tax refund to Gail Linkkila for \$34.13. Mr. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.
3. **Resignations/Appointments:** Mr. Fortier made a **MOTION** to appoint Irene Schein as a regular member to the Economic Development Commission for a term of 2/2/2021 through 2/1/2024. Mr. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

Mr. Fortier made a **MOTION** to appoint Virginia Siege as a regular member to the Economic Development Commission for a term of 2/2/2021 through 2/1/2024. Mr. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

4. **Discussion regarding Senior Center Director position:** Mr. Rose recused himself from the interview process because a family member will be applying for the position. The interview committee will consist of both selectman's Ken Fortier and Joe Pinto; Chair/Senior Center Board of Directors Doreen Bolduc, and previous Senior Center Director, Roxanne St. Jean.
5. **Tax Deferment - Executive Order No. 7S, Section 6:** Mr. Rose stated that the same tax deferment as last fall will happen again. No town meeting will be needed to approve. It has been noticed out on Google Groups, and noticed by the tax collector in the newspaper. January payments can be deferred to April 1st.
6. **Discussion regarding Capital Improvement Plan for 2022-2026:** Mr. Rose would like the Open Space Conservation fund to be closed. The last time the town bought open space was about 20 years ago, Helen Garrison Trust and

it isn't being used. We also have Garrison Park and Natchaug forest and the Airline Trail. We do not have a conservation commission now. We can revisit again if property happens to come for us to purchase. He would like to suggest to the Board of Finance to put the allocated funds back into undesignated funds. The Board agreed.

Mr. Rose stated that the handicapped access at Library/Senior Center is complete and they should close that project.

Mr. Pinto discussed Public Safety projects – the air bottle replacement program will need additional funds next year. He also stated the Lucas device project is complete and the leftover money can be moved out.

Mr. spoke with the DPW Supervisor regarding road maintenance and he feels we are caught up. There was a 3% increase every year so instead of increasing this year he would like those funds to be moved over to tree removal. Also, the Senior Center parking lot project can be deferred another year. The \$27,000 fuel station upgrade would replace the old pump station that was put in around 1970 to help segregate buses and DPW vehicles, but this is very expensive. Mr. Rose talked to Superintendent Ken Henrici about East Conn doing their own fuel system or get it somewhere else. Mr. Rose sent out an email to Mr. Henrici and East Conn to get suggestions.

Mr. Pinto stated a new generator will be needed for the fire department. Also, they need to plan for a fire truck replacement, approximately \$400,000. He will get a rough quote.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

*Respectfully submitted by,
Suzanne Krodel, Administrative Assistant*