

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Chaplin, Connecticut
January 26, 2021
Special Meeting
MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Suzanne Krodel, Administrative Assistant

Remote Dial-In: Applicant/Senior Center Director Position

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm

2. **Personnel Matter: CONFIDENTIAL discussion regarding candidates for the vacant Senior Center Director position; subject to be discussed in Executive Session per General Statutes section 1-200(6)(A), upon motion and vote of the Board of Selectmen.**

Mr. Pinto made a **MOTION** to go into Executive Session at 6:10pm. Mr. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. Mr. Pinto and Mr. Fortier entered into Executive Session.

B. Possible action on items discussed in Executive Session; discussion and possible action regarding hiring a Senior Center Director

Mr. Fortier and Mr. Pinto came out of Executive Session at 6:18pm.

The Board of Selectmen special meeting continued at 6:18pm.

Mr. Fortier made a **MOTION** that the Committee recommends Sheila Grady as the new Senior Center Director and would also like to recommend Lisa Kegler to continue to be the Assistant Director and as second choice for Senior Center Director. Based on Sheila's experience and capabilities they would like to recommend a salary of \$29,000 for the 24 hour a week position. Mr. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. No further discussion. 2 – YES votes, Mr. Rose abstained. **MOTION** passed.

3. **Tax Collector Refunds:** Mr. Fortier made a **MOTION** to refund Glenn Coolbeth a tax refund of \$35.10, \$42.90, and \$21.12. Mr. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

Mr. Fortier made a **MOTION** to refund Ralph Harding III a tax refund of \$13.00. Mr. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

4. **Recreation Commission Appointments:** Mr. Rose stated that due to the fact there was not a Town meeting last year when elections are done, they had five members terms expire on 6/30/2020 including one that resigned. He suggested that the Board give them 5 weeks until the March Board of Selectmen meeting to decide if they want to continue as a member and if not, new members can be appointed. We can send out a Google groups email and post on the website the vacancies so the Board can appoint new members if need be at the next meeting. The Board agreed.

- 5. Discussion regarding Budget FY2021-2022:** Mr. Rose stated that he is still waiting on some numbers for insurance, town memberships and salaries to be discussed. Department of Public Works budget is a zero increase aside from salaries. Also, probably zero increase for general government. For the Board of Selectmen budget no mileage was used but office supplies went over due to expenses from working from home. Building grounds and maintenance spent less on heating/electricity due to the buildings being closed, not sure if this will be the same next fiscal year due to COVID-19. The transfer station is not getting credit like we were for iron, etc. Also the sanitation contract needs to be reviewed.
- 6. COVID-19 Update:** The Board discussed the issues with getting seniors set up with the vaccine. This is not an easy process as many in the elderly population do not use computers or have email addresses to schedule an appointment. Mr. Pinto reported that the Hartford Healthcare portal is easier than using the VAMS system from Eastern Highlands District. Eastern Highlands District offers an option to be put on a short list so they can get called when they have extra vaccines, but they still have to be registered through the VAMS system. Ann Lewis, Municipal Agent for the Elderly, has been calling all the seniors to try to assist them and is having difficulties.
- 7. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Suzanne Krodel
Administrative Assistant*