

Prospect Town Council
Regular Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
6- 19 -18

Chairman Jeff Slapikas called to order the regular meeting of the Prospect Town Council @ 7:40 p.m. The meeting was held at the Prospect Town Hall, 36 Center Street and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was taped.

Members Present: J. Slapikas, Pat Geary, D. Merriman, M. Patchkofsky, R. Blanc, S. Pilat, C. Perugini-Erickson and T. Graveline

Members Absent: L. Fitzgerald

Also in Attendance: Mayor Robert J. Chatfield

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Chatfield gave the Council a handout of the Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance. The Mayor advised that this ordinance needs immediate attention.

Mayor Chatfield requested of the Council to add the proposed Suspense List to the Agenda.

Motion made by S. Pilat, seconded by P. Geary place on the Agenda the proposed Suspense List for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. **Unanimous.** Diane Lauber, Prospect Tax Collector commented that the Suspense List consists of items that she deems non-collectible. Discussion. After discussion, P. Geary commented that she appreciates the high collection rates of the Tax Collector. **Motion** made by T. Graveline, seconded by R. Blanc to accept and approve the proposed Suspense List for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$25,980.98. **Unanimous.**

Refunds:

Motion made by T. Graveline, seconded by P. Geary to accept and approve the Tax Refunds dated 6/19/18 in the amount of \$551.66. **Unanimous.**

Transfers:

Motion made by D. Merriman, seconded by R. Blanc to approve the year end transfer from the 2017-2018 Budget:

From:		To:	
Wetland Engineering #6400-03	\$ 1,000.00	Legal Fees #5450	\$11,533.42
Land Use Inspector #6450-00	14,000.00	Community Ctr Salaries #9100-1	4,535.00
Animal Control #7700-01	2,000.00	Commission on Aging #7650-5 Staff	5,950.00
Covanta #6950-06	15,000.00	Commission on Aging #7650-09 Drivers	1,650.00
Public Works Labor #7200	4,750.96	Resident Trooper #6700-01	8,082.54
		Contingency #7750	2,000.00
		Board of Rect #7400-11 Asst.	3,000.00
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	\$36,750.96		\$36,750.96

Discussion. **Unanimous.**

Motion made by M. Patchkofsky, seconded by S. Pilat to transfer from the Fund balance to the Capital Non-Recurring Account for a Generac 16kw automated backup generator with automated transfer switch for the rear garage at Public Works, as needed in the amount of \$14,075.00. C. Perugini-Erickson commented on what is approved and allowable per the State of Connecticut Statutes #10-51 regarding the use of the refund of monies from Regional School District 16 and if Mayor Chatfield had received information from the Town's Auditor. T. Graveline commented on the Council's lists of wants and needs and stated that a high priority would be a generator for the Community Center. Discussion. 6 Approved/2 Abstained, P. Geary & C. Perugini-Erickson. **Motion carries.**

Mayor Chatfield advised the Council of the Town's purchase of sand for \$1.50 per yard more than previously for a cost of \$21.50 to be received from Southbury and delivered in October. Discussion.

Chair's Report: None

Public Participation:

Tom Galvin, 27 Rockridge Terrace gave to the Chairman to be placed in Correspondence, the previously read letter dated June 19, 2018 - Re: purchasing of the new Engine 5 for the PVFD with a cost of \$300,000 over the anticipated cost of \$750,000 for a total of \$1,050,000.

Diane Lauber made a request this evening that the clerk only record the following statement within the minutes of this meeting as such: "Diane Lauber, 9 Pond View Dr, read a prepared statement on her personal reflections of the Prospect Town Council's performance from the Fall of 2015 to date."

After Diane Lauber's prepared statement was read, the Public Participation continued.

C. Graveline, 4 Peter Gilkey Rd advised that at the March 2017 meeting of the Town Council it was approved to have a street light installed at the corner of Peter Gilkey Rd and Summit Rd for safety; to date the street light has not been installed. C. Graveline questioned what plans are being made for this installation. Mayor Chatfield advised that he has had several requests for street lights in different areas and asked C. Graveline to contact him. T. Graveline suggested placing a blinking arrow as is on Brooksvale Rd in Cheshire and if it had been considered. The Mayor stated that the cost could be as much as \$3,500 for one arrow. Discussion.

Rich Ragnini, 19 Buckley Lane asked the Council to consider other means of financing and pre-payment for the purchase of the Fire Truck. Discussion. R. Ragnini thanked the Council for their work.

P. Geary asked Mayor Chatfield about the new vehicle that was received by the Town. The Mayor and Administrative Police Lt. Nelson Abrazua advised that the Town has received a Hummer vehicle through the Army's 1033 program and from the Town of Ridgefield Police Department. The vehicle will be used for E.M.A.C, Fire and Police and with authorization from the Mayor and Lt. Abrazua will be used by the C.E.R.T. team. The vehicle will have multiple uses including recruiting for the C.E.R.T. team, used in emergencies and to transport doctors and nurses during these times. The only cost for the vehicle at this time is the lettering; other than tires, which will be supplied by the Army, the maintenance would be the Town's responsibility. Discussion.

T. Graveline reminded the Mayor of her request of the Capital Non-recurring accounts, dates of deposits and what the goals are for each of these categories. T. Graveline suggested finding out from the lease-purchase company, if the Town could make a large payment and obtain a lesser lease purchase amount; then the Council could have a Special meeting regarding this matter.

Fred Bonyai, 18 Woodcrest Dr, questioned if the lights are on a timer as the lights are lit at Canfield Park for the Tennis Courts when no one is using the courts. Council members suggested asking C. Moffo for this information.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by T. Graveline, seconded by R. Blanc to approve the Minutes of June 5 and June 7, 2018.

Unanimous.

Correspondence:

Tax Collector's Report May 2018
Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance
Tax Information Handout
Letter RE: Mil Rate
Tom Galvin's Letter dated 6/19/18
Tax Refunds dated 6/19/18
Transfers

Suspense List

Letter to Council for Suspense List & letter to Town Clerk

6/6/18 Setting of Mil Rate Letter

Motion made by D. Merriman, seconded by T. Graveline to place correspondence on file. **Unanimous.**

New Business:

Refunds- Previously Acted Upon

Transfers- Previously Acted Upon

Appointments – None

Resignations-None

Bids/Grants – Previously Acted Upon

Old Business:

Land Use & Acquisition – The Land Use & Acquisition sub-committee met today; a request was made for the Council to make a motion: **Motion** made by T. Graveline, seconded by P. Geary to approve two appraisals for two different properties with fees of \$400.00 each per appraisal. **Unanimous.**

Ordinance – J. Slapikas stated that he will be meeting with the Town’s Attorney next week on a Citation Ordinance, a Fracturing Ordinance and a discussion will be held on Stormwater – J. Slapikas raised his concern that many residents are tied into the catch basins and have water flowing off of their property; now it is a State mandate to have the water tested in the catch basins in every Town.

Salary Review – In process – making headway

Public Works Maintenance – To meet

Sidewalk Task Force – To meet

Pension –S. Pilat advised that the sub-committee had met and received documents of Ameriprise showing contributions made by Town for salaried employees based on full time employment. P. Geary commented that the sub-committee will be looking into Medicare Supplement plans.

P. Geary requested to discuss their “Wish List”. D. Merriman advised of his entry to move the little schoolhouse to the Hotchkiss House once the Grange is torn down and place a performance Gazebo in this area. The Council commented that they would like to discuss this “Wish List” and asked to place under the Chair’s Report “Future Planning from the Council” on their next meeting Agenda of July 17, 2018.

Adjournment:

Motion made by D. Merriman, seconded by M. Patchkofsky to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.** Meeting adjourned @ 8:46 p.m.

Jeff Slapikas, Chairman