

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

In-Person and via Zoom Teleconference

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Scott Storms, Jon Savino and James Cannon

ALSO PRESENT: Town Attorney Carl Landolina, Peggy Sayers and Members of the Public

ATTENDING REMOTELY: Eric Marsh and Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Scott Storms called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed

Selectman Storms stated that there would be no Executive Session at tonight's meeting as it was no longer necessary.

PUBLIC INPUT:

In Person:

None

Via Zoom:

None

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2024 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Selectman Storms noted the August 20, 2024 meeting was a Special Meeting and asked the motion to indicate that.

Selectman Savino moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for August 20, 2024 Minutes. Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Selectman Storms stated that he has received correspondence relating to traffic issues on Main Street and Old County Road; he noted the need for people to drive more carefully, particularly in those areas where construction is going on.

He also stated that he received an email this afternoon regarding people passing school buses. He noted that, although that isn't under his authority, it is something that should be taken very seriously, is illegal and comes with fines and the possibility of jail time.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. *Building Committee Update:*

Selectman Storms stated that the project is on target, roofs are going up and soon they will be working inside. He also said they are within the balances under the budget.

b. Main Street Update:

Selectman Storms stated that they've spoken with the project manager about some of the items of concern, including the exit from CVS onto Main Street and the closure of Church Street at Main Street. He noted that something needs to be done to change the appearance of the green at the end of Church Street before the maintenance of the area is turned over to the Town. He further stated that they are coordinating work on the historic train station with the State.

He explained that the Town is also slated for consideration of a CIF Round 5 Grant for infrastructure under Main Street.

c. Amended Brownfield Agreement:

Selectman Storms explained that this is an Amendment to the Brownfield Grant that was received in June, 2024 for the Brownfield Assessment of the Trinity project on Main Street.

d. BOF Meeting Report:

Selectman Storms stated that he and the Public Works Director met with the Board of Finance last week and provided the roads and roofs updates.

e. Ordinances – Citation and Hearing, Nuisance and Blight, Streets and Sidewalks, Citation for Zoning Violations, Wetland Violations Citations

Town Attorney Carl Landolina explained the proposed changes/amendments to existing ordinances and presented the new citation proposals. During discussion, other changes were proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Review Employee Handbook:

Selectman Storms asked the Selectmen to review the handbook for suggestions for an update and to forward those suggestions to him for consideration. He explained that he has requested that Department Heads do the same.

b. Set Annual Ordinance Town Meeting:

Selectman Storms stated that Attorney Landolina has prepared the resolution to schedule a Public Hearing and Town Meeting regarding the revised Ordinances and proposed Citations that were presented during the meeting tonight.

Selectman Savino read the Resolution* into the record. Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

*The Resolution is attached as Schedule B.

c. SOC Grant Agreement for SLFRF - Registrars:

Selectman Storms stated that the grant is for monies the State has allowed for early voting on the primary. He further stated that the funding for the November election early voting will be paid from Town funds.

There were no objections from the Board regarding Selectman Storms signing the application.

d. SOC Covid Fiscal Recovery Fund Agreement - CONA:

Selectman Storms stated that the grant is regarding surplus State ARPA funds. He further stated that the money is proposed to be spent on furniture and equipment for outside activities at the new Senior Center.

There were no objections from the Board regarding Selectman Storms signing the application.

Selectman Storms asked for a motion to encompass the above two grants:

Selectman Savino moved to approve the SOC Grant Agreement for the Registrar of Voters and the Senior Center under CONA. Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

TAX REFUNDS:

Selectman Cannon moved to approve the prior year refund in the amount of \$1,255.62 and the current year tax refund in the amount of \$5,410.46 for a total of \$6,666.08. Selectman Savino seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. (Schedule A attached)

APPOINTMENTS, RE-APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS:

Selectman Storms stated that he received a resignation letter from Amy Montemerlo, a member of the Arts Council. Further, he thanked her for her service.

He also stated that he received a recommendation from the Democratic Town Committee for Mary Jane Perrier to the Inland Wetlands Commission as a full member. She is presently serving as an alternate.

Selectman Savino moved to appoint Mary Jane Perrier to the Inland Wetlands Commission as a full member on the recommendation of the Democratic Town Committee. Selectman Cannon seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Storms stated that he also received a recommendation from the Republican Town Committee.

Selectman Cannon moved to appoint Barbara Palmer to fill the Republican vacancy for EIDC for the term ending June 30, 2029. Selectman Savino seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

In Person:

Peggy Sayers, 477 Denslow Street – stated that Planning & Zoning had voted to support the ordinances.

Via Zoom:

Eric Marsh, address not provided – spoke regarding the ordinances and enforcement of them.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:

Selectman Savino stated that the Swearing in of Officers at the American Legion Hall is Saturday at 7:00 p.m. He also advised that on Wednesday, September 25th, at the VFW at 9:00 a.m., the Commissioner for Veterans is holding a Veteran Resource Discussion.

Selectman Storms noted that the WLPL is seeking new members. He also mentioned that the Arts Council 3rd Annual Art' Ober Fest is on Saturday, October 5th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Veteran's Park.

He also stated that Trunk or Treat is on Tuesday, October 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at WLHS. To register a vehicle for that event, please call the WL Youth Service Bureau.

Additionally, he noted that the Human Resource Director is encouraging employees to participate in a customer service training and take a Voluntary Customer Service Action Pledge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Not necessary per the First Selectman's statement above.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41p.m. was made by Selectman Savino. Selectman Cannon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Ziemian

Recording Secretary

Schedule A

Refund Request September 17 2024

NAME	BILL NUMBER	REASON FOR REFUND-SOLD DATE	REFUND AMOUNT
PRIOR YEAR REFUNDS:			
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST 2281 BALL DR MARYLAND HEIGHTS MO 63146	2022-03-0056679	SOLD 06/23	\$115.52
JAMES E PAPIETRO JR 4 SOUTHWEST AVE WINDSOR LOCKS CT 06096	2022-03-0062827	SOLD 09/22	\$13.17
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST LOCKBOX 830238 525 FELLOWSHIP RD STE 330 MT LAUREL NJ 08054-3415	2022-03-0068322 2022-04-0084691	SOLD SOLD	\$254.46 \$624.02
JUSTIN M MOONEY 82 CANNON ST WINDSOR LOCKS CT 06096	2022-03-0061963	TOTAL LOSS	\$248.45
			\$1255.62
CURRENT YEAR REFUNDS:			
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST LOCKBOX 830238 525 FELLOWSHIP ROAD, SUITE 330 MT LAUREL NJ 08054-3415	2023-03-0068718 2023-03-0069016 2023-03-0069025	SOLD SOLD SOLD	\$627.52 \$750.50 \$262.86
JAMES E PAPIETRO JR 4 SOUTHWEST AVE WINDSOR LOCKS CT 06096	2023-03-0062331	SOLD	\$14.07
MARK CIERPIKOWSKI 20 DARIEN DR WINDSOR LOCKS CT 06096	2023-03-0052372	SOLD 08/24	\$5.06
ABDUL GUMSHUDA 7 POLK LANE WINDSOR LOCKS CT 06096	2023-03-0057067	SOLD 08/24	\$145.30
GERALDINE SIMPKINS 100 FEDERAL STREET APT 1 SPRINGFIELD MA 01105	2023-03-0066834	SOLD 08/24	\$29.09
JUSTIN M MOONEY 82 CANNON STREET WINDSOR LOCKS CT 06096	2023-03-0061460	TOTAL LOSS	\$120.86
OLD COUNTY STORAGE PARK CONDOMINIUM LLC 856 EAST ST S SUFFIELD CT 06078	2023-01-0003467	PAID IN ERROR	\$3330.94
RALPH LEFEMINE 3781 AUBURNDALE AVENUE THE VILLAGES, FL 32162	2023-03-0060264	SOLD 07/24	\$40.89
GATEWAY LIMOUSINE INC	2023-03-0056601	SOLD 08/24	\$6.67

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74 MATTATUCK HEIGHTS RD			
WATERBURY CT 06705			
JAMES M LATORRA	2023-03-0060124	SOLD 06/24	\$27.45
38 JOHN STREET			
WINDSOR LOCKS CT 06096			
DOLORES W HARRISON	2023-03-0057284	OUT OF STATE	\$49.25
1001 STARKEY RD LOT 634			
LARGO, FL 33771			
CURRENT YEAR REFUND TOTAL:			\$5410.46
Prior Year Refunds			\$1255.62
Current Year Refunds			\$5410.46
TOTAL REFUNDS			\$6666.08

Schedule B

BE IT RESOLVED:

WHEREAS, The Board of Selectmen believe it to be in the best interests of the Town to amend the Town's Blight and Nuisance Ordinance (Chapter 236) and the Street and Sidewalks Ordinance (Chapter 313); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Selectmen believe it to be in the best interests of the Town to adopt three new ordinances entitled The Citation and Hearing Ordinance, The Citation Ordinance for Zoning Violations and The Citation Ordinance for Wetlands Violations; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Selectmen recommend the amendment of the current ordinances and adoption of the new ordinances modified during the Board of Selectmen meeting of September 17, 2024 as described above.

NOW THEREFORE, The Board of Selectmen hereby schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, October 15, 2024, to be held at Town Hall to commence at 7:00 pm to discuss the amendment of the current ordinances and adoption of the new ordinances described above and, hereby schedule a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, October 15, 2024, to be held at Town Hall to commence 7:30 pm or upon the ending of the Public Hearing, whichever last occurs to discuss and act upon the proposed amendments and proposed new ordinances as described above.

Adopted this 17th day of September 2024

Scott A. Storms

Jonathan W. Savino

James E. Cannon III

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