

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
November 20, 2017  
MINUTES**

First Selectman Dan Jerram, Selectman Alesia Kennerson, Selectman Laura Garay; Administrative Assistant Christine Hayward.

Several members of the public including: Joe Toro, John Burdick,

First Selectman Jerram called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

**Minutes:**

MOTION by Garay to approve the minutes of the meeting dated November 14, 2017 as presented; seconded by Kennerson.

*Unanimous.*

**Opportunity for Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

Joe Toro informed the Selectmen that he would like to be considered for reappointment to the Water Pollution Control Authority. Member of the Public John Burdick commented that he supported the reappointment of Mr. Toro to the WPCA; stating that it is his belief that Joe is a valuable member of that Board.

**Set time, date, manner of Annual Budget Meeting:**

**MOTION** by Kennerson to set the Annual Budget Meeting to be held on November 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Town Hall; seconded by Garay.

*Unanimous.*

**In accordance with CT General Statutes Section 7-7, remove Item number 1 from the Call of the Annual Budget Meeting and adjourn to referendum; setting the time, date and manner of the Referendum:**

**MOTION:** by Kennerson to remove Item Number 1 from the Call of the Annual Budget Meeting and take item number 1 directly to Referendum to be held on December 5, 2017; The referendum will be held from 6:00 AM – 8:00 PM, with voting at the usual polling places; South End Fire House for 2<sup>nd</sup> district and Town Hall for 1<sup>st</sup> district; seconded by Garay.

*Unanimous.*

**Set Time and Date of Special Town Meeting:**

First Selectman Jerram informed the Board that the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended the acceptance of Evergreen Crossing as public road. They have recommended that this be taken to a Special Town Meeting for consideration by the voters.

**MOTION:** by Kennerson to call a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, November 20, 2017, immediately following the close of the Annual Budget Meeting which begin at 7:00 PM in the Senior Center/Meeting Room of the New Hartford Town Hall; seconded by Garay.

**Appointments/Resignations from Boards and Commissions:**

First Selectman Jerram informed the Board that Recreation Commission Chairman Sally O'Neill has submitted a resignation from the Commission. She has a second home in Colorado and she and her husband plan to spend additional time out west and therefore she is unable to commit to regularly attending the rec commission meetings.

Additionally, Regina Wexler submitted a resignation as a member on the Inland Wetlands Commission due to her recent election as member on the Board of Finance.

Selectman Laura Garay stated that she had spoken with Karl Hermonat and he expressed interest in the vacancy on the Inland Wetlands Commission. She said that he has demonstrated commitment to volunteer service and would be a good choice to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Wexler's resignation. Selectman Kennerson agreed that Mr. Hermanot would serve this commission well. She stated she would support his appointment.

First Selectman Jerram thanked Ms. Garay for her input and stated that he would check with the Inland Wetlands Commission Chairman to seek approval of this candidate prior to appointment.

**Request for Refunds of Taxes:**

No requests

**Operations Updates:**

First Selectman Jerram gave some brief updates to the Board regarding operations.

This morning saw the first black ice of the season on the roadways. -

The chipper truck has failed; there currently is not a truck available to be used as a back up if needed. State funding has been held back – ECS funding has not been received and there is concern that it may be reduced further.

There is still uncertainty with what reductions may be made with regards to State funding. However, the town must move forward and pass a budget for the fiscal year 2017-18 year.

Hopefully, the Board of Finance will be able to meet as soon as possible after the referendum and establish a mill rate. The tax collector needs this rate in order to send out her tax bills.

The separator tank at the town garage has been fitted with an alarm so that it will alert the crew when it is getting full and arrangements must be made to have the holding tank pumped out.

Selectman Garay asked about the status of the Senior Van; Jerram replied that there has been no notification as to when to expect its arrival. She also asked about the status of additional parking using the space owned by the Community Club, to the rear of the post office. Jerram replied that there currently is no funding to move that forward.

The First Selectman informed the Board that the town will install no overnight parking signs in the front row of the parking lot located at the rear of Town Hall. Hopefully, this will aid in snow removal if there are no vehicles in that row following a snow event. The crew will be able to have clear access to one complete area, allowing them to clear the entire row. This should help make the parking lot more accessible to taxpayers needing to conduct business after a storm.

Selectman Kennerson commented that since this was the last Board of Selectmen meeting that would be attended by Selectman Garay, she wanted to take the opportunity to thank Laura for her service and commitment to the Board during the last two years. She stated that Ms. Garay was always professional and she enjoyed working with her. She wished her well.

First Selectman Jerram echoed those sentiments; adding that disagreements were always handled well and professional and ended his commentary by saying, “we will miss you.”

Ms. Garay thanked them for their comments.

**MOTION:** by Kennerson to adjourn at 7:50 PM; seconded by Garay.

*Unanimous*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Christine Hayward, Administrative Assistant*