

Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2023
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
6:00PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm to discuss the following agenda items.

Item 1. Consider/Action regarding Line Item Transfer from Public Safety (Constables) to Highways (Pavement)

Item 2. Authorization to negotiate/contract for Paramedic Intercept Services.

Item 3. Request for Tax Refunds

In attendance were First Selectman Dan Jerram, Selectman Alesia Kennerson, and Selectman Laura Garay. Jerram indicated that Christine Hayward had a prior commitment so the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of taking minutes.

With regard to Item 1. First Selectman Jerram described the background of the Department Transfer recommendation he was preparing to make. In advance of the Board of Finance meeting the next evening (Tuesday, May 9, 2023) the Selectmen had the opportunity to consider making a recommendation to the Board of Finance to use unspent Constable Funds for Paving. The Board of Finance would have to approve this recommendation for it to be implemented. The trend in policing locally is for more of our officers, most of whom are retired state troopers, to move toward part-time work which was freeing up budgeted funds within the Constable (salary) line item. Jerram indicated that there was currently \$155,789.70 unspent funds of which roughly \$11,500 is encumbered for our one full-time police officer. Part time police officers would require an additional \$21,000 encumbrance for the remaining four pay periods in the fiscal year. Leaving roughly \$10,000 for unforeseen circumstances, the remaining \$125,000 could be used to make progress on summer road work in the Highway department.

A motion was made by Kennerson, seconded by Garay to recommend to the Board of Finance transferring \$125,000 from the Public Safety Department – Constable line to the Highways Department – Pavement line. Kennerson asked if there were any large unbudgeted issues coming to light that this could be used for. Jerram said no. The Board further discussed the recommendation. All members voted in favor of the motion.

With regard to Item 2. First Selectman Jerram that the second item on the agenda had to do with Emergency Services – not necessarily the ambulance, but the regional paramedics that assist the New Hartford Volunteer Ambulance EMTs. For many years the town has been part of a multi-town regional agreement (with Barkhamsted, Hartland, Colebrook, Norfolk, Winchester & Sandisfield, Massachusetts) to acquire services from Campion Ambulance for Paramedic Services under the so-called Medic 6 program. Campion eventually merged with Trinity Health Care who has been serving the towns under a three-year contract through June 30, 2023. The total value of the contract is currently \$305,000, with New Hartford's portion being roughly \$68,000 per year. In January of 2023, the member towns agreed to put the contract out to bid and two bids were received. Hartford Health Care bid \$305,000 per year for three years. Trinity bid roughly \$585,000 (with increases every year).

A motion was made by Kennerson, seconded by Garay to authorize the First Selectman to negotiate and sign the Paramedic Intercept Services Agreement. The Board briefly discussed the recommendation indicated that while we should probably bring this to town meeting in the future we had to maintain the service to protect our residents. All members voted in favor of the motion.

With regard to Item 3. Our soon to be retired Tax Collector Karen Wieduwilt has recommended four tax refunds. A motion was made by Kennerson, seconded by Garay to approve the tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector (total of four). Kennerson inquired about the largest tax refund (roughly \$1,300). Jerram indicated it was an overpayment on a house on Windsor Lane. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The following refunds were approved:

Tax Refunds Approved by BOS May 8, 2023

2021 Grand List

Daimler Trust	14372 Heritage Pkwy, Fort Worth, TX 76177-3300	MV	\$571.09
Elizabeth Goergen	382 West Hill Rd., New Hartford, CT 06057-2415	MV	498.82
Nicholas Roy	28 Windsor Lane, New Hartford, CT 06057-3532	MV	1436.36

2020 Grand List

Wendy Wemple	220 Main Street, New Hartford, CT 06057 -2711	MV	255.48
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As there was no other business to attend to, a motion made by Garay, seconded by Kennerson, to adjourn at 6:30pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dan Jerram, First Selectman
5-12-2023