



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

Present: Parker Lord, John Kiker, Steven Mattson and Tink Wilhauer

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 P.M. and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

The board approved the appointment of Dan Hagan to the Pension Advisory Committee and as a Trustee of the Fire Company/Ambulance Incentive Program in his new role as Chair of the Board of Finance.

Tink Wilhauer presented a request of the board that we explore joining other towns in Sustainable CT. This program addresses climate change activities and risks and attempts to improve energy use by the town and strives to communicate to the community on steps that can be taken to stave off the dangers of global warming. Tink described the actions taken by her church in support of Sustainable CT and efforts by Old Lyme and others. The board offered support to this program and Selectman Kiker offered to lead the research activity and return to the board with a recommendation on adopting the program. The board thanked Tink for focusing the town's attention on such a cause.

The board discussed a recommendation of David Lahm, RTC chair, that copies of Roberts Rules of Order be distributed to all board and commission chairs. The board discussed copies of the book, training sessions in the rules offered by CCM and on-line summaries available. The consensus of the board was that the majority of the town's boards do not require copies as the commissions operate very well at present and the board chairs are very familiar with the rules of conducting meetings. The board will strive to provide training opportunities to board chairs where desired.

The selectmen voted to provide a tax deadline deferral for the February 1st deadline for supplemental motor vehicle taxes for federal employees who are furloughed during the government shutdown. The CT legislature and governor passed enabling legislation today to allow for such action by the municipalities. Taxes due can be deferred without penalty for a 60-day period following the restart of the federal government without penalty and interest being assessed.

Selectman Kiker presented his evolving plans for the recycling communications plan, an emergency preparedness section for the town website and the website awareness campaign. The board approved the plans presented and discussed the original charge that the website remain manageable by town employees should Selectman Kiker no longer be in a position to manage the process.

Selectman Kiker also reported on the town mailing list development and he should be in a position to report to the board soon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Mattson
For the Board of Selectmen