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Board of Selectmen

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**Minutes: Special Meeting
Thursday, August 17, 2017
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall**

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1. Call to Order: First Selectman Ken Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
Present: Ken Beausoleil
Steve Herbert
Staff Present: Orla McKiernan-Raftery
Also Present: Members of the Public
2. Open Bids for Bus Purchase – This item was bypassed temporarily until the Bus Bids are brought down from the school.
3. UCONN School of Engineering Senior Projects Discussion/Possible Action
 - A. There was an error in the letter which has been corrected by MA Chinatti, Director of Planning and Development.
 - B. S. Herbert asked that letters be dated the day they are written, not post-dated.
 - C. S. Herbert reviewed the UConn School of Engineering proposal for \$3,000 for 4 projects: Old TEEG Building/Town Hall, Pocket Park, Beautification of Main Street and Wilsonville Dam. He believes the one critical project is Wilsonville Dam due to safety issues. If we could break it apart and fund it, he'd want to go forward with just the dam project. He suggested we forward this to Board of Finance for their consideration – for favorable action if we could arrange it for just for the dam.
 - D. K. Beausoleil will ask MA Chinatti to reach out to UConn letting them know, that since we have no state budget, we can't commit to funds at this point and to ask for a project cost breakdown.
 - E. S. Herbert wants to be clear that that this Board of Selectmen is not advocating favorable action for all the projects.
2. (continued) Open Bids for Bus Purchase:
 - A. One bid was received. S. Herbert asked to review the RFP parameters which O. McKiernan-Raftery read. The bid was from School Lines, Inc. in North Branford, CT for \$82,229.
 - B. S. Herbert asked if there a state contract for buses. O. McKiernan-Raftery will check.
 - C. S. Herbert asked that next time there is a bid opening that we try to schedule it as part of regular BOS meeting.
4. Board of Selectmen Appointment
 - A. S. Herbert brought up that S. Smith, 2nd Selectwoman stated at the 8/15/17 Board of Selectmen's Meeting that we didn't require applications for elected officials. A year ago we did require it and even more recently. S. Herbert wishes to go on the record as the statement not being correct.

B. S. Herbert expressed concerns about Mr. Williams appointment particularly in regard to the conflict of interest. He's still considering it but has a questions is his mind.

C. K. Beausoleil stated that the recommendation for Mr. Williams's appointment came from the Democratic Town Council (DTC). Mr. Williams has served on the Board of Selectmen in the past. The DTC believe it would be beneficial to have someone who can be up to speed immediately. Mr. Williams would bring a lot to the table and is a perfect fit with his experience. Mr. Williams volunteered that he works for the same firm as the Town Attorney, Mr. St. Onge. Mr. Williams does no work for the Town of Thompson. When Mr. Williams was elected and served as First Selectman for the Town, he worked for the same firm and Mr. St. Onge was our attorney.

As S. Smith is a Democrat and so the recommendation for someone to fill her unexpired term goes to the DTC. The DTC made their recommendation and has screened the applicant and his ability to do the job. He respects the choice the party recommends.

D. There was additional discussion on the value of the information in the application.

No action taken.

5. Resolution for Horse & Pony Exemption

A. S. Herbert stated that there were a few typographical errors.

i. Line 5 Change to "taxation, horses or ponies of any value"

ii. Line 6 Capitalize "Board of Selectmen" or not consistently. It will be capitalized.

iii. Line 7 Change "properly" not property

iv. Signature Line S. Herbert name misspelled as Steven.

B. It is agreed that the Board of Selectmen wish to proceed with this. The changes will be made.

6. Adjourn

A. **Steve Herbert moved and Ken Beausoleil seconded the motion to adjourn.**

Ken Beausoleil- Yes Steve Herbert- Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

B. First Selectman Ken Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.