

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
4:30 PM Town Hall

Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans, Paul Madore, Barbara Gomez, Phylis Bernard,
Ruth Melville and Tom Fahsbender

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: October 5, 2022

MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2022 meeting as presented.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule

MOTION S. Evans to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule for 2023 as presented.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Affirm P&Z Commission's Opt Out of Public Act 21-29

- M. Riiska discussed the opt out of Public Act 21-29 (copy attached) with Michael Halloran, Zoning Enforcement Officer and the other selectmen and is in agreement with the P&Z Commission's unanimous decision to opt out.

MOTION S. Evans affirm the Planning & Zoning Commission's decision to opt out of PA 21-29.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

An Act Authorizing a Deferral of Property Revaluations – Approval

- M. Riiska spoke with our assessor, Lucy Hussman, regarding "An Act Authorizing a Deferral of Property Revaluations" which will allow Norfolk to defer property revaluations from 10/01/23 to 10/01/24.

MOTION S. Evans to approve the deferral of property revaluations from 10/01/23 to 10/01/24.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Selectman's Report

- Historic District Commission appointment – Mike Halloran has stepped down from the Commission due to the town ordinance stating a salaried employee cannot be a member. Matt has someone living within the historic district that is interested, but offering it to the alternate was discussed. The appointment was tabled until next month's meeting.
- Bald Mountain – As discussed at last month's meeting John Rotolo had asked the Town to abandon a portion of Bald Mountain Road where he owns property on both sides and he would take over maintenance of the road. Matt has been approached by a couple of residents who own interior lots and have an easement through John Rotolo's land to access their property, therefore we will not be pursuing abandoning the road.

Selectman's Report (continued)

- Old Colony Road – Discussion was held at last month's meeting regarding abandoning the end of Old Colony Road and turning it into a cul-de-sac once the State of Connecticut begins work on the retaining wall. Matt reported that it would be the town's responsibility to have a traffic study performed which can be done by Cardinal Engineering. This project will need approval at a Town Meeting.
- Tim O'Connor Road – Matt spoke to abutting property owners regarding turning over the last 450' of Tim O'Connor Road to the NW Sportsmen's Association and they are in agreement. The only issue is to establish the correct boundary lines which will be at the expense of the NW Sportsmen's Association.
- M. Riiska reported that there is new legislation out regarding the emergency services incentive program. The maximum will increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The new statute states the incentive must be paid against your property taxes. The Town of Norfolk ordinance currently allows the payments against property taxes or by check. Matt will do some research and discuss this with Kitty Hickcox (EMS) and Matt Ludwig (NVFD).
- Mountain Road Bridge – Bridge is just about complete. Matt met with the State of CT representative yesterday who came out to inspect the bridge. We have one payment left to NJR Construction and one payment left to Cardinal Engineering, at which point we will provide the necessary paperwork to the State of CT for reimbursement.
- 2022 Ford F550 – The Town purchased a new dump truck with a sander and a plow for \$87,000 (from a budget of \$120,000).
- Public Works – One of our employees resigned and we have posted the position internally and have had one person apply. Per union contract after Friday we can advertise outside.
- Maple Avenue – Project will go out to bid in approximately one month. As reported last month we received a \$500,000 STEAP Grant from the State of CT to go towards the cost. We are eligible for a loan through the USDA with a 3 ¼ % interest rate.
- Firehouse – Engineers are working on wetlands issue.
- Transfer Station Solar Project – contract signed by Lodestar and they will now apply to the State of Connecticut Siting Council.
- Tom Fahsbender, P&Z Commission Chairman, came into the meeting (at 5:00 pm) to answer questions and clarify the opt out of Public Act 21-29.

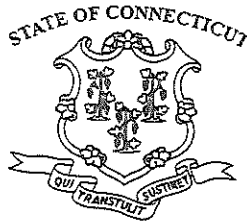
MOTION M. Riiska to add Tom Fahsbender to the agenda to discuss PA 21-29.

Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Paul Madore left meeting at 5:10 P.M.

MOTION M. Riiska to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Second S. Evans. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Gomez



Substitute House Bill No. 5167

Special Act No. 22-6

AN ACT AUTHORIZING A DEFERRAL OF PROPERTY REVALUATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-62 of the general statutes or any municipal charter, special act or home rule ordinance, the municipalities of Danbury, Orange, Wilton and Stamford, which are required to implement a revaluation of real property for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2022 pursuant to section 12-62 of the general statutes, may defer such implementation until the assessment year commencing October 1, 2023, provided such deferral is approved by the legislative body of such municipality. The rate maker, as defined in section 12-131 of the general statutes, in any municipality that defers the implementation of a revaluation pursuant to this subsection may prepare new rate bills under the provisions of chapter 204 of the general statutes to carry out the provisions of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-62 of the general statutes or any municipal charter, special act or home rule ordinance, the municipalities of Barkhamsted, Norfolk, Norwalk, Suffield, Willington and Windsor Locks, which are required to implement a revaluation of real property for the assessment year commencing

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October 1, 2023 pursuant to section 12-62 of the general statutes, may defer such implementation until the assessment year commencing October 1, 2024, provided such deferral is approved by the legislative body of such municipality. The rate maker, as defined in section 12-131 of the general statutes, in any municipality that defers the implementation of a revaluation pursuant to this subsection may prepare new rate bills under the provisions of chapter 204 of the general statutes to carry out the provisions of this section.

(c) Any required revaluation subsequent to any deferred revaluation implemented pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be implemented in accordance with the provisions of section 12-62 of the general statutes. Such subsequent revaluation shall recommence at the point in the schedule required pursuant to section 12-62 of the general statutes that the municipality was following prior to such deferral.