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Town of Stafford
Board of Finance
Warren Memorial Town Hall
Veteran's Meeting Room
Special Meeting
December 14, 2021
6:30 PM

AGENDA:

1. Call to order
2. Establish a quorum
4. Transfers Approvals from December 7, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting (*minutes attached*)
5. Adjournment

Town of Stafford
Board of Selectmen
Stafford Community Center
Regular Meeting
Tuesday December 7, 2021
6:30PM

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1. Call the meeting to order / establish quorum/ Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve the minutes of October 19, 2021
3. Discussion with the Agricultural Advisory Commission
4. Discussion and possible action regarding projected upcoming LOCIP Projects
5. Transfers
6. Authorizing Resolution –Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
7. Appointments
8. Set Board of Selectman calendar for 2022
9. Discussion and action regarding Public Act 21-29 “opt-out”
10. Informational items
 - a. Paramedic Services
 - b. Staffordville School Use
11. Adjournment

Minutes:

1. First Selectman Sal P. Titus called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m. Also present were Selectman Kurt Vail and Selectman Richard Hartenstein. A quorum was established. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Hartenstein moved to skip to item #10 Paramedic Services as Chief Moore needed to leave and go to work. Selectman Vail seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Chief Moore briefly explained that Trinity Health is looking to have their own ambulance service with two paramedics. Trinity Health is looking to have the town and its Emergency Services sign off on this. Chief Moore explained that there are still too many unanswered questions. They briefly discussed the current paramedic services and concerns of possible lost revenue as well as the cost to add paramedics to the Stafford Ambulance Association. The board agreed that more information is needed and would like to see it in writing.

Selectman Hartenstein moved to return to item #2 which was seconded by Selectman Vail and unanimously approved.

2. Upon motion of Selectman Vail and seconded by Selectman Hartenstein the board unanimously approved the minutes of October 19, 2021.

3. The Agricultural Advisory Commission Chairman David Mordasky was present to discuss the Agricultural Advisory Commission and that he has been honored to have served as the chairman since the Commission was started, he described the Agricultural Farmers as resilient and optimists and took a moment to recognize one of those resilient and optimistic farmers Mr. Bruce Dobson who was also on the Commission since inception but recently passed away. Chairman Mordasky turned the floor over to Ag member Donald Bradway, Mr. Bradway discussed with the board the commissions desire to pass a Right-to-Farm Ordinance in town. He noted that Stafford has deep generational roots of farming, adopting this ordinance would help in promoting Stafford as a farm friendly town. Ag member Karl Milikowski noted that they have a lot of passion for farming and agriculture. In addition to wanting to adopt the Right to Farm ordinance they are looking to amend the current Ordinance that established the commission and change the name to the Stafford Agricultural Commission removing the word Advisory. It was expressed that being called an Advisory Commission makes it difficult from a marketing perspective. They would not be looking to change the ordinance in any way other than the name. They explained that they are a self-funded group and not looking for funds from the town. Selectman Vail asked "why wouldn't the town want to support a right to farm "is there a downside to it?

4. Public Works Director, Devin Cowperthwaite was present and discussed the upcoming LOCIP projects that are pending and those that need to be approved as construction projects. He explained the Furnace Avenue project and noted that it will take approximately two (2) months for the project and was hoping to start and finish the project in 2022. He asked the board if they felt it should be pushed back until 2023 as to avoid another detour that is already in that area because of Leonard Road Bridge. The Furnace Ave area that would be closed to thru traffic would be near 107 Furnace Ave to County Road. The board agreed that he should move forward with the project in 2022.

Director Cowperthwaite explained that he would need the Board of Selectmen to approve Spring Street Bridge and Cooper Lane Bridge as construction projects to be able to utilize the LOCIP funds for engineering of these two bridge projects. Upon motion of Selectman Hartenstein and seconded by Selectman Vail the board unanimously approved Spring Street Bridge and Cooper Lane Bridge as approved Construction projects.

5. The board reviewed the following transfer requests which require approval of the Board of Finance and approval at Town Meeting. Upon motion of Selectman Hartenstein and seconded by Selectman Vail the board unanimously approved sending the following transfers to the Board of Finance and town meeting for approval.

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Assigned Funds	Transfer Out (capital improvement fund)	82,500

This is for Olympic Field –STEAP Grant is paying 128,000, football is paying 10,500. Selectman Hartenstein noted that 6,000.00 of the \$10,500 from the football league was a donation from the Boys Club.

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LOCIP State Funds	20-300-7120 (Locip State Grant)	\$300,000.00

This is for the projected LOCIP projects as Devin has discussed.

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund (cash balance)	20-241-7400 (police equipment)	\$100,000

The town is going to purchase the mandated body cameras and then utilize the state grant for reimbursement at 30% and then use the ARPA funds to reimburse the balance if possible.

6. The board discussed the EMPG grant (Emergency Management Performance Grant) which is for just under \$12,000 which is used to offset some of the Emergency Management Director salary and PPE supplies.

Upon motion of Selectman Vail and seconded by Selectman Hartenstein the board unanimously approved the following authorizing resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sal P. Titus, as First Selectman of the Town of Stafford, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Stafford and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

7. Upon motion of Selectman Hartenstein and seconded by Selectman Vail the board unanimously approved the following appointments:

Stafford Cemetery Association
 Michael Kenderdine
1 year term, term to expire 11-1-2022
Conservation Commission
 Megan Woytik
Term to expire 3-1-2022

Planning & Zoning – Alternate

Danielle Chenard

Term to expire 3-1-2022

American Rescue Plan Act Commission

First Selectman Sal P. Titus

To replace former First Selectman Mary Mitta

Heald Trust Fund

Neil Hoss- Treasurer

Kurt Vail –Selectman

2 year appointments, term to expire day after election 2023

Arts Commission

Charleton Whaley

Term to expire 3-1-2022

Board of Finance-Alternate

Donald J. Martinsen

Term to expire 3-1-2022

8. The board discussed a meeting calendar for 2022. Upon motion of Selectman Vail and seconded by Selectman Hartenstein the board unanimously approved meeting the 1st Wednesday of Each month at the Stafford Community Center at 6:30P.M.
9. The board discussed the letter from Zoning Enforcement Officer David Perkins in which the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and voted unanimously to initiate the process to: Opt out of Public Act 21-29 (CGS 8-2 (d) (9). Upon motion of Selectman Hartenstein and seconded by Selectman Vail the board unanimously voted to "opt-out" of P.A. 21-29.
10. Informational Items:
Staffordville School Use, Selectman Hartenstein stated that the ARPA Committee met their last week and agreed that it is too cold in the building to occupy.
11. Selectman Hartenstein moved to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 7:35P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Beth A. DaDalt
Recording Secretary