Prospect Town Council
Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes
September 20, 2016

Chairman Thomas J. Galvin called to order the regular meeting of the Prospect Town Council @ 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Prospect Town Hall, 36 Center Street and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was taped.

**Members Present**: T. Galvin, Jeff Slapikas, Al Delelle, D. Merriman, Pat Geary, Carla Perugini-Erickson @ 7:13 p.m., Larry Fitzgerald, C. Graveline and S. Pilat @ 7:35 p.m.

**Members Absent**: None

Mayor Robert J. Chatfield was also in attendance.

**Mayor's Report**:
Mayor Robert J. Chatfield commented on the following:
-Mobilitie, LLC, of Atlanta GA – Mayor Chatfield advised that a company by the name of Mobilitie, had presented before the Planning and Zoning Commission with tentative plans to raise two (2) 120' Data monopoles with 4' bases to be placed at 166 Waterbury Road (Pond Place) and Ion Bank at Chandler Drive; with the intention of placing these monopoles in the State & Town Rights of Way. Mayor Chatfield advised that he was not in favor of the 120' monopole in direct view at Chandler Drive within the 'Fall Zone' of CVS, Ion Bank and private properties. Mayor Chatfield stated that if the pole could be moved to an interior site he may reconsider. Council members raised their concerns regarding 'Fall Zones'. The Mayor also advised that this topic will be discussed at the meeting of the Association of the CT Land Use Inspectors in October. Mayor Chatfield reminded the Council that there may be legal fees for Attorneys for representation regarding this matter.
- CT State Police – Mayor Chatfield advised that the Town of Beacon Falls has stayed with the CT State Police. At this time he has not discussed any further with the Prospect Police or the Borough of Naugatuck.

**Chair's Report**:
T. Galvin commented on the recent C.O.G. meeting that the City of Waterbury's Mayor, Mayor Neil O'Leary, also attended. T. Galvin advised that Mayor O'Leary asked the surrounding towns if they had availability for an additional 50 seats for students that the City of Waterbury would pay for, to give these students an opportunity to attend schools in the outskirts. T. Galvin stated that he had spoken with Region 16's Superintendent Mike Yamin who advised that it would be a decision made by the Region not by the towns. Superintendent Yamin advised that though the decision is somewhere in the future, he does anticipate that Prospect Elementary School would not be available, but Laurel Ledge, LRMS and Woodland Regional High School would.

Town Buildings Maintenance Salaries – T. Galvin requested of the Mayor a breakdown of hours for maintenance of the Town Buildings as the amount approved for the Budget was in the amount of $56,000.00, which T. Galvin specified could pay for 3 employees. Mayor Chatfield advised that he would have a breakdown of employees and hours at the next Council meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the proposed Charter Revision Ballot Questions with Explanatory Text and publication. Council members stated that they were in agreement with the Explanatory Text and wanted the information to be publicized. **Motion** made by J. Slapikas, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to accept Attorney Yarbrough's Draft of the Ballot Questions with Explanatory Text. **Unanimous.** Discussion. **Motion** made by P. Geary, seconded by D. Merriman to approve the cost and to move the Charter Revision Ballot Questions with the Explanatory Text to be published in the Prospect Pages, Citizens News and on the Town's Website. **Unanimous.**

**Guests**: None

**Public Participation**:
Theresa Graveline, 20 Corrine Dr. asked the Council to consider future sidewalks and placement of the Mobilitie Data monopoles and suggested that the Council send a letter to P&Z regarding their concern of 'Fall Zones". Mayor Chatfield advised that this was premature and only a presentation and the meeting with the Siting Council would be soon.

**Approval of Minutes**:
**Motion** made by J. Slapikas, seconded by C. Graveline to approve the minutes of 9/6/16. **Unanimous**.

**Correspondence:**
Mobilitie, Picture Monopoles
Draft – Town Ordinance for Property Tax Relief for Certain Elderly and/or Totally Disabled Homeowners
Bulletin CCM dated 9/9/16 – RE: CCJEF decision reached for Public School opportunities – After 10 year trial, Judge Rules in Favor of Towns and Cities
Mayor's Expenditures July 2016
Treasurer's Report – Dated June 30, 2016 and July 31, 2016
Tax Refunds – 9/20/16; $2,008.91
**Motion** made by J. Slapikas, seconded by Al Delelle to place correspondence on file. **Unanimous**

**New Business**:
Refunds – **Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by C. Graveline to approve the Tax Refunds in the amount of $2,008.91 dated 9/20/16. **Unanimous.**
Transfers – None
Resignations – None
Appointments – None

Bids – None
Grants- None

**Public Participation**: None

**Sub-committee Report**:
Mayor Chatfield stated that the next sub-committee meeting of the Town Buildings will be held on Monday, September 26, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. The Community School sub-committee was asked to be in attendance.

Questions were raised as to the Audit Sub-committee meetings as the last one was held on July 28, 2016. P. Geary commented that the sub-committee would like to meet with the Town's Treasurer. Mayor Chatfield advised that the Town Treasurer is only available during the day. P. Geary commented that the sub-committee needs his input and the sub-committee would make arrangements to meet with him then.

A discussion took place regarding the Public Works fleet maintenance. C. Perugini-Erickson commented that she had received information from surrounding towns with regards to numbers for maintenance and truck repair. C. Perugini-Erickson stated that she would like to have a discussion comparing the surrounding towns and Prospect's numbers.

The Sidewalk sub-committee will be meeting on Wednesday next at 3:00 p.m. The discussion will be with Jerry Zitko from the Town of Cheshire. Mayor Chatfield advised that Milone & MacBroom will be constructing the sidewalks in front and on the side of Town Hall.

J. Slapikas gave the Council a new 'Draft' of the Town Ordinance for Property Tax Relief for Certain Elderly and/or Totally Disabled Homeowners. J. Slapikas stated that the Ordinance sub-committee contacted 169 towns, 79 responded: 54 towns do have a Tax Relief Ordinance, but 22 towns do not have one. J. Slapikas commented that after reviewing several ordinances, including Beacon Falls, some changes were made to format and years of residency; new: Residency – 1-5 years, Percentage of Tax Credits to be Applied 50% and 6 or more years @ 100% while keeping the 1.5 times 'those limits set forth for eligibility under CGS 12-129b and 12-170aa'. Mayor Chatfield questioned the change. T. Galvin questioned if the new ordinance allowed for annual review and adjustments without redoing the ordinance. J. Slapikas stated that the ordinance was final and 'set in stone' and if anything was to change after the 2017-2018 Budget, then it would be the next Ordinance sub-committee to change it. J. Slapikas also stated that the refunds are from the tax payers and no one else. Discussion. T. Graveline commented on section 5 of #6 Amount of Relief and questioned parcel of land and not principal residence. J. Slapikas stated that he will not call for a Public Hearing until the Council reviews the current 'Draft' and makes changes. J. Slapikas also stated that the comments made at tonight's meeting will also be considered. The next step will be, after all comments are made, to present at the next meeting to set a Public Hearing. Frank Conlin, 90 Sycamore Drive commented that he would like to see the relief be set at $500.00 and

not $400.00. J. Slapikas stated that the Ordinance sub-committee has gone above and beyond and commented that the Ordinance is to help the 'seniors'. J. Slapikas continued that no one knows who will qualify and this is a starting point. T. Galvin thanked the Ordinance sub-committee for their hard work.

C. Perugini-Erickson commented that the last notices of 'Grants' that the Council received was for the time period of April 2 through May 2016 and she would like to have additional notices of 'Grants' that have been received, are up and coming or have been applied for.

T. Galvin stated that the Sidewalk sub-committee meetings will bring about new Ordinances for: Responsibility of Additional Snow – Removal and Liability.

**Adjournment:**
**Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by S. Pilat to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.** The meeting adjourned @ 7:50 p.m.

*Thomas J. Galvin*
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Chairman