

Board of Selectman's Minutes
Warren Town Hall: Meeting Room
Meeting of July 7, 2015

Present: C. Nelson, C. Tanner
Regrets: S. Warshaw
Recording Secretary: C. Frisbie
Park and Recreation:
Public Works:

1. **Called to Order** by C. Nelson, First Selectman at 6:30pm
2. **Minutes:** Motion (Tanner/Nelson) to approve the Minutes June 16, 2015 **All Approved**
3. **Additions to the Agenda:** Motion (Tanner/Nelson) to add CGS Sec 12-81gg – option to exempt horses and ponies from property tax **All Approved**
4. **Public Comment:** J. Garvey was inquiring about the possibility of volunteering on the Wetlands Commission
Nelson explained that there is another resident who had asked to be on the commission prior to him, but he has been out of the country for the past 3 weeks and when he returns he would let Nelson know if he is going to be on the commission.
No other comments
5. **Appointments:** Motion (Tanner/Nelson) to appoint Kathy Stahl (D) to the Park and Recreation Commission to fulfill the vacancy of Daudelin (12/17) **All Approved**
Kelly Tobin attended the meeting to confirm her interest in volunteering on the Planning and Zoning Committee. She has attended a meeting to see how it worked, picked up the p&z regulations from Town Clerk and would like to be appointed. Motion (Tanner/Nelson) to appoint Kelly Tobin (U) to the P&Z Committee as an alternate to fulfill the vacancy of Worden (12/15) **All Approved**
6. **Addition:** Motion (Tanner/Nelson) to exempt horses and ponies as property tax per CGS Sec 12-81gg as written **All Approved** (attached is the section as stated per the Assessor)
7. **First Selectman's Report:** 1) Town purchased 2 AED's : one will be at the Town Hall and the second will be at the beach for the summer and then moved to the Community Center. All Town Hall employees have been trained by M. Schultz on how it works 2) purchased a picnic table for the Town Hall Funds for AED's and table were taken from a capital improvement account that had funds available after all budgeted purchases were paid for at the end of the FY 2014-15 3) Nelson had attended an Emergency Management class on Long term recovery on Tuesday 7/7/15
Motion (Tanner/Nelson) to accept report **All Approved**
8. Motion (Tanner/Nelson) to adjourn at 6:50pm **All Approved**

Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Frisbie

Recording Secretary

"Sec. 12-81gg. Municipal option to exempt horses and ponies from property taxation"

To the Board of Selectmen

Horses and ponies used for pleasure must be declare each year on a Personal Property Declaration. There is a cost for preparing, mailing and processing these Declarations with no tax dollar return, as the horses/ponies declared receive an exemption which brings the assessment to "0". The following statute allows all horses/ponies used for pleasure to be exempt from taxation and therefore, need not be declared on a Personal Property Declaration.. I would like you to consider voting in favor of this statute.

"Sec. 12-81gg. Municipal option to exempt horses and ponies from property taxation. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (68) of section 12-81 and section 12-91, any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body or, in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, by vote of the board of selectmen, exempt from property taxation horses or ponies of any value."

Very truly yours,
Linda Bertaccini Assessor