

**MONROE TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING MATTERS
Monroe, Connecticut**

**Friday, October 23, 2015
Town Hall – Conference Room 204 – 4:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
 - At 4:40 pm by Chairman Pro Tem, Frank Lieto
 - Present: Frank Lieto (“FL”), Dee Dee Martin (“DM”), Ken Kellogg (“KK”)
 - Excused: Kevin Reid (“KR”)
- II. Public Participation
 - None
- III. Election of Officers
 - DM nominates KK for Chairman, 2nd by KK –Vote 2-0 (DM & KK)
 - KK nominates KR for Secretary, 2nd by DM- Vote 2-0 (DM & KK)
 - FL agreed to be secretary for this meeting and take minutes
- IV. Short Term Goals and Objectives (2015)
 - FL created agenda with 2015 in mind to get the ball rolling with this subcommittee. Encouraged members to think of goals that can be achieved in 2015 while we gather information for broader objectives
 - DM agreed and encouraged picking 1 or 2 issues to concentrate on this year
 - KK identified Chalk Hill and all members agreed
 - KK suggested that the committee needed the facts about Chalk Hill and to dispel any rumors which may be untrue
 - FL support Chalk Hill as primary focus. “We owe this to our constituents to get answers on Chalk Hill if no one else is going to do it.”
 - DD suggested making a list of those who have information and who can present before the committee. Start with the FS.
 - FL suggested drafting a letter/memo to the FS and all boards and commissions requesting whatever info they have or wish to contribute. All members agreed.
 - DD mentioned some of the rumors out there, CES and SOD
 - FL suggested creating a broad general list of objectives to start and then

narrow it down

- DD “we will be hard-pressed to get anything done before new budget season”
- KK wanted to get a firm idea of the detailed and itemized mothball and closure costs
- FL wanted answers on the intent of Sandy Hook upon vacating, what is staying and what is being removed, what will condition be upon vacating?. Suggested touring the building again to refresh memories
- DD wanted to refresh memory about lease and addendums and review same
- FL will get lease and addendums
- KK agreed to draft letter, disseminate and ask for opinions
- All members agreed that the letter should be read at TC Monday to get their consensus
- KK suggested holding a special meeting/public hearing to gather information from the public as well. All members agreed.
- DD suggested publishing in the Monroe Courier. All members agreed.
- The members suggested other ongoing projects that should be discussed as well, such as the Masuk turf field, EMS building
- All decided that a November 5th, 2015 deadline for production of information should be used so in advance of Nov 9th TC meeting.
- FL suggested getting input from P & Z as well re Chalk Hill as well, current and future prospective uses. DM and KK agreed.

V. Other as Required

- None

VI. Adjournment

- 5:31 pm

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