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Board of Selectmen
special Meeting

November 19, 2020
3:00 P.M.

Present: Jean Speck, Chris Garrity and Ed Matson.

Also, present: Melissa Cherniske, Connie Manes and Rick Osborne.

Ms. Speck called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Executive Session – Highway Department employee health benefits:

Ms. Speck made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a highway department employees health benefits at 3:03p.m., and invited highway foreman Rick Osborne and Joyce Kearns. Mr. Matson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Speck made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 3:32 p.m. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Speck made the following motion:

Given the unique medical conditions, as stated in a letter on file from the employee's oncologist, as a high-risk individual during the COVID19 pandemic, I move we place John Lindsay on extended leave beginning week ending October 17, 2020 thru week ending February 20, 2021, with 50% compensation and full health benefits.

Mr. Matson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

SustainableCT resolution:

Ms. Speck presented SustainableCT program and asked the Board of Selectmen to pass the attached resolution. Both Connie Manes and Melissa Cherniske of the Conservation Commission agreed that the Conservation Commission should be involved in the program but neither of them felt they had the time needed to take on the task of overseeing the program. Ms. Speck stated she would reach out to the community and see if there are people interesting in volunteering.

Mr. Garrity made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Joyce Kearns
Administrative Assistant

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Special Meeting
Thursday, November 19, 2020 3:00 P.M.
REVISED

Access to meeting via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86313330339>

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1. Call to order
2. Executive Session – Highway Department employee health benefits
3. SustainableCT resolution
4. Adjourn



Sustainable CT Resolution

A municipality must pass a resolution prior to registering to participate in Sustainable CT. The purpose of the resolution is to formally demonstrate the municipality's interest in using the voluntary menu of actions and Sustainable CT resources. The resolution must be passed by the municipal legislative body, except in towns with a town meeting form of government, where a resolution by the Board of Selectmen may be used.

You may use the template below or draft a modified resolution to meet the requirements of registering to participate in Sustainable CT. A modified resolution must at least include the following:

- Statement of intent of the municipality to participate in Sustainable CT.
- Designation of the municipal official or staff position (title only; a name is not necessary to include in resolution) to serve as the point of contact for Sustainable CT, which includes online registration of your municipality.
- The establishment of an advisory Sustainability Team (or modification of an existing committee or team) to promote implementation of Sustainable CT voluntary actions leading towards certification. See Sustainability Team Guidance document for more information.
- Statement that the Sustainability Team will meet within 90 days of adoption of the resolution.
- Requirement for the Sustainability Team to report annually to your municipality's governing body.

Town of Kent
Resolution Supporting Participation
In the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is a comprehensive, statewide, action-oriented voluntary certification program, built by and for municipalities, with the vision that: *Sustainable CT communities strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking. They build community and local economy. They equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents. And they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment.*

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is designed to boost local economies, help municipal operations become more efficient, reduce operating costs, and provide grants and additional support to municipalities.

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent embraces an ongoing process of working toward greater sustainability, selecting which actions it chooses to pursue from the voluntary menu of actions provided by Sustainable CT.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Kent that we do hereby authorize the First Selectman to serve as Kent's Sustainable CT contact person for the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification process and authorize them to complete Municipal Registration on behalf of the Town of Kent.

RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within the Town of Kent on matters of sustainability, and in order to promote the Board of Selectmen's local initiatives and actions toward Sustainable CT Municipal Certification, the Town of Kent's Board of Selectmen creates an advisory group called the Kent Sustainability Team.

RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the Kent Sustainability Team must be held within 90 days of passing this resolution and that the Kent Sustainability Team shall meet as frequently as needed, but no less than quarterly.

RESOLVED, that the Kent Sustainability Team shall report annually to the Board of Selectmen on the progress of its activities toward Sustainable CT certification, with reports and presentations made publicly available.

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