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ATTEST: *David J. Casarano*
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**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

5:00 PM

Waterford Town Hall (Appleby Room)

(Procedural Action: Check register to be signed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with CGS 7-83)

1. Call to Order & Roll Call: 5:00 pm

In attendance: Rob Brule, Rich Muckle & Greg Attanasio

Absent: N/A

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment: NONE

- 4. Planning Department:** To consider and act on a request for the Town of Waterford Board of Selectman to approve the request to accept Caroline Court as a town road and forward it to the Representative Town Meeting for final acceptance.

NO ACTION

- 5. Public Works:** To consider and act upon awarding the contract for the supply of Treated Road Salt to Chemical Equipment Labs of DE, Inc., from the Director of Public Works, Gary Schneider, for \$185,340. Funds available from line item #10130-55010 (Town Aid Road Improved).

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

- 6. Finance:** To consider and act on a recommendation from, Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, on behalf of the Town Hall, for surplus disposal of the following item:

- Asset #01369 Yellow Fire Safe Cabinet

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

7. **Finance:** To consider and act on a recommendation from, Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, on behalf of the Town Hall, for surplus disposal of 28 items, please see list in the backup.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

8. **Finance:** To consider and act on a recommendation from, Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, on behalf of the Town Hall, for surplus disposal of 40+ items, please see list in the backup.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

9. **Town Hall:** To consider and act on a recommendation from, Purchasing Agent, Shea Davy, for surplus disposal of the following items:

- 50 Metal Folding Chairs
- 5 American Flags

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio to amend the motion to remove “50 Metal Folding Chairs” and from “5 American Flags” to “17”. VOTE 3-0

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio to accept the amended motion, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

10. Appointments & Resignations:

10a. Resignation by Bert Chenard, Alternate, from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

11. New Business: NONE

12. Old Business: Update on Board of Finance Executive Session Discussion and Paving Road Discussion

13. Correspondence:

13a. Letter to siting council

14. Consent Agenda

14a. Tax Refund

14b. Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes July 9, 2024

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

15. Adjournment: 5:28 pm

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Attanasio, VOTING IN FAVOR: 3-0 PASSED

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July 17, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Melanie A. Bachman, Executive Director
State of Connecticut
Connecticut Siting Council
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

RE: PETITION NO. 1623 – HQCA Energy Solutions, LLC petition for a declaratory ruling, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §4-176 and §16-50k, for the proposed construction, maintenance and operation of a 4.0-megawatt AC battery energy storage facility and associated equipment located at 40 Norwich Road, Waterford, Connecticut, and associated electrical interconnection.

Dear Attorney Bachman:

In furtherance of our correspondence dated March 1, 2024, the Town of Waterford has received the attached letter from an abutter to the proposed battery facility referenced in Petition No. 1623. The abutter, United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Eastern CT, provides onsite services to individuals with disabilities including significant sensitivities to noise and vibration. The Town is concerned about the potential adverse consequences of this proposed project for our citizens and users of these services who are particularly vulnerable because of their special needs. We all should endeavor to identify extra measures to protect these individuals from such deleterious project impacts. The Town recommends the Siting Council to employ the strategy Waterford included in its Host Fee Agreement with a proposed data center project which required that facility could not create more noise than the current documented ambient levels in the neighborhood. Replicating this approach would protect the clients who rely on UCP's essential treatment services each day.

The Town recognizes that the applicant is presently amending its application to replace the proposed battery storage equipment and propose sound and vibration mitigation to abutting properties such as the property owned by UCP, no doubt in part because the previously proposed unit's noise levels were found to be excessive by the Council on Environmental Quality in its comments on the project. The Town of Waterford opposes the project moving forward at this particular location unless the new equipment and noise and vibration mitigation results in no increase to the ambient existing noise and vibration at the proposed site post-construction and satisfies all other Council on Environmental Quality's noise requirements.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Brule
Waterford First Selectman

Enclosure

cc: Mark J. Cooke, Esquire
Glen Padilla, HQCZ Energy Solutions, LLC
Jennifer Keatley, UCP Executive Director



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June 12, 2024

Board of Selectmen
Town of Waterford
15 Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Members of the Board of Selectmen,

I am writing on behalf of United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Eastern Connecticut to express our deep concerns regarding the proposed construction of a battery storage facility adjacent to our property at 42 Norwich Road, Quaker Hill. Our facility serves individuals with significant disabilities, and the potential impact of the noise generated by such a facility is of great concern to us.

UCP of Eastern Connecticut has been dedicated to providing critical services and support to individuals with disabilities in our community. Our Quaker Hill location is a place of care, education, and respite for many individuals who rely on us for a safe and nurturing environment. The introduction of a battery storage facility poses several risks that could significantly disrupt our operations and the well-being of our clients.

Noise pollution is a primary concern. Many of the individuals we serve are particularly sensitive to noise, which can exacerbate their conditions and lead to increased stress, anxiety, and behavioral issues. The continuous hum or intermittent sounds from the battery storage facility could create an environment that is not only uncomfortable but potentially harmful to our clients. It is crucial for their health and well-being that we maintain a quiet and stable environment.

Additionally, there are potential safety concerns associated with the proximity of a battery storage facility. While modern facilities are designed with numerous safety measures, the risk of accidents, however minimal, cannot be completely disregarded. This poses an unacceptable risk to our vulnerable population and our dedicated staff.

We respectfully request that the Town of Waterford write a letter in opposition of the battery storage facility to the Siting Council. We believe that such a facility is better suited to a location that does not directly impact facilities that serve sensitive populations. Our commitment is to the well-being of those we serve, and we urge you to consider the potential negative consequences this project could have on our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our concerns. We hope to work together to ensure that the needs and safety of all Waterford residents are prioritized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Keatley".

Jennifer Keatley
Executive Director

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