

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
December 4, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Jon Truskauskas, and Selectman Frank Chiaramonte.

Attendees: Brock Denton, Bud Wilkinson, Fred Bonvicini, Candace Jones-Pacholski, Sal Bonola, and Sarah Bogues.

Call to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 20, 2012. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

Sal Bonola, Chairman of WPCA requested a monthly budget report from the Finance Office showing WPCA's budget and expenses. Mr. Criss will speak with Finance about supplying monthly reports to Boards and Commissions.

Appointments and Resignations

None

Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to add "Harwinton House-Architects" to the agenda. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

New Business

Release Field Stone Way Bond and Vote on Closing Road:

After all issues had been corrected, Highway Supervisor, John Fredsall, wrote a letter to the Board of Selectmen recommending the release of the \$27,829.03 bond for Field Stone Way Estates Subdivision, owned by Fred Bonvicini. A temporary barrier will be placed approximately 2 cars lengths up from Lake Harwinton Road to control the dumping of trash and trespassing on the property. Mr. Bonvicini thanked John Fredsall and First Selectman Criss for their help. Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve release of the maintenance bond for Field Stone Way Estates Subdivision and to install a temporary barrier approximately 2 cars lengths up from Lake Harwinton Road. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Prescription Card Plan:

Mr. Criss stated that through CCM, CIRMA, the town's insurance carrier, is offering a prescription card plan for town residents who are uninsured or under insured. The plan

is through ProAct, Inc. and it offers a discount on prescriptions. It is a one year agreement and there are no costs to the town or its residents. CCM is paid by the medical providers. Many towns in Connecticut have signed up. Mr. Criss would like to try it for a year and see what the results bring. Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to accept the sample flyers sent by Proact and to accept the agreement with ProAct, Inc. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

RedFlex Traffic Systems:

Mr. Criss spoke with RedFlex Student Guardian system at a CCM event. Redflex is a photo enforcement system that monitors and fines drivers who illegally pass school buses. Cameras are mounted on the side of the bus that catches drivers illegally passing a bus. Redflex contacts the local authorities who then issue a ticket. Redflex is paid 20% of the ticket with the remainder going to the town so there is no cost to taxpayers. The City of Torrington is looking at the system. Mr. Criss is not sure if Burlington is interested but Redflex would be able to install cameras on 10-30% of the Harwinton buses if the town decides to use them. Mr. Truskauskas and Mr. Chiaramonte are interested in hearing more and would like to meet with a representative from Redflex. Mr. Truskauskas moved to invite Redflex to the next Board of Selectmen meeting for more information. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Budget Discussion:

Mr. Criss noted that budget discussions will be happening soon and suggested holding budget discussions one hour before the Board of Selectmen meetings commence on Tuesday. The Selectmen agreed to meet one hour prior to Board of Selectmen meetings during the budget process.

Harwinton House-Architects:

The Harwinton House Building Committee met with approximately five (5) architectural firms that submitted a bid for the Harwinton House. The committee has it narrowed down to two (2) candidates and would like the Board of Selectmen's opinion on the two candidates. The Selectmen agreed to hold a special meeting in order to meet with both firms prior to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

First Selectman's Report

At the last meeting Mr. Criss asked both Selectmen what they might be interested in for 2013. Mr. Chiaramonte supports the Library expansion, Harwinton House, and pursuing open space. Mr. Truskauskas is interested in infrastructure improvements. He would like to see Board of Education members on the ballot in November rather than voting for board members at a town meeting. Mr. Truskauskas also supports the Library expansion and also mentioned the need for a new cemetery in town.

Mr. Criss reported the search for an SRO (School Resource Officer) has been narrowed down to two (2) well qualified candidates. The SRO will not only be used during the school year but will work summers as well to patrol. The job will pay about \$55,000 per year with no benefits. Harwinton's share will be \$5,000. The cost of the SRO will be figured into future budgets.

Mr. Criss noted the Hometown Holiday event that took place on December 1st went very well. An estimated 1,800 people were in attendance. He thanked the Committee, the sponsors, all the volunteers, Lewis S. Mills High School Band, carolers, HYSA, and all emergency service departments for their help.

Mr. Criss reported the soil samples from the former Citgo station came back good. Brian Washburn with HRP is making sure the soil samples are done correctly.

Correspondence

The Selectmen reviewed the Animal Control Officer's report for September (revised) and October, 2012.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Santoro
Melissa Santoro

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ON 12-11-12 AT 12:14 pm
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK