

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday February 5, 2019 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti, Selectman Rick Fowler.

Call to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations

David Eylers resigned as the Chair of the Harwinton Housing Authority. Mr. Criss thanked him for his years of service to the town.

Joan Cominotti and Sandra Alexander of the Commission on Aging terms have expired. They would like to stay on the commission. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve re-appointing both members. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Participation

None at this time.

New Business

- **Request for Tax Refunds** – Mr. Fowler made a motion to accept the request for tax refunds. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.
- **Annual Town Meeting** – Scheduled for Tuesday February 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Bill Tracy will be the moderator. Since Shingle Mill Bridge is on the Agenda, Mr. Criss asked the town engineers and the state department to attend to answer questions.
- **Budget** – Not all budgets have been received. We continue to get budgets and adjustments. Board of Selectman will review budgets on February 26th, 2019.

First Selectman's Report - The legislative season has started. Mr. Criss stated that the proposed Senate Bill 431 is the tax reform bill. If the state establishes a 1 mill statewide tax on real property with an adjustment for Homestead Exemption (which is \$50,000 applied to the assessed value of any single or up to four (4) family home, occupied residences) it would be a loss in tax revenue for the town at approximately \$3,197,600.00. If the minimum wage goes up to \$15.00/hour, Region 10 will have to increase their budget by a minimum of \$220,000, the town will have to increase our budget by \$62,000 which could lead to an increase in taxes. Mr. Criss will continue to keep the selectmen updated.

The Finance Department is advertising for a fulltime Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer.

Correspondence – Fire Marshall Bill Baldwin gave a notice that he will be going on vacation. Bob Diorio and Terri Ferrarotti will cover for him while he is away.

Polly Redmond submitted a letter from the Zoning Commission stating they recommended an ordinance be created for the issuance of temporary event permits and to place the item on the next town meeting for a vote. The commission feels that documentation of events with the use of these permits will give the town knowledge of the event and the authority to enforce any issues that may come up. Mr. Criss will discuss this with the town attorney.

Executive Session – Legal – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:18pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Mr. Fowler made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:23pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. No action at this time

Adjournment – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 7:25pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by: First Selectman's Office

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