

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
March 5, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

Attendees: Vinny Wheeler, Candace Jones-Pacholski, Tracy Mirsky, Candace Crawford, Nancy Eldridge, and Bud Wilkinson.

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on February 28, 2013. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

None

New Business

Review Emergency Contingency Plan for Elections

The state requires towns to have an emergency contingency plan in the event of an emergency during elections. The Selectmen and Vincent Wheeler, Emergency Management Director for the Town, have reviewed the plan written by the Registrars. Mr. Wheeler stated the plan is fine and he will add it to the back section of the town's Emergency Plan. The Registrars are concerned about being notified of a town emergency. Mr. Criss suggested that the registrars and the moderator sign up to receive the town's emergency announcements. He also suggested having a list of election workers so that we may refer to the contact list during an emergency. Mr. Wheeler noted that the telephone line extension can be rolled over to any town owned building. It is written in the contingency plan that the election location will be moved to the Senior Center on Weingart Road. Mr. Truskauskas moved to sign and accept the Emergency Contingency Plan for Elections. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Vote to send Budget to Finance Board

Mr. Criss would like to send the budget of \$5,267,670.06 to the Board of Finance for approval. The budget is down 3% from last year. Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to send the budget of \$5,267,670.06 to the Finance Board for approval. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Request for Refund of Property Tax

Mr. Chiaramonte moved to approve the following tax refunds. Erwin Heating Service or Michael A. Erwin, \$156.36. Michael Erwin, \$173.97. Michael Plourde, \$6.34. Jenn Marchetti-Torsiello, \$9.62. Martin Bozak, \$419.08. Lisa Pieksza, \$2,109.46. Robert or Cynthia Hart, \$9.25. Ari Fleet LT, \$196.33. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss announced that the next Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for March 19th will be moved to the Assembly Hall for a Legislative Update by Senator Kevin Witkos and Senator Jason Welch. The proposed changes in car taxes will be among the topics for discussion. Mr. Criss noted that the loss of car tax revenue would mean a loss of \$1.2 million dollars to the town and would increase property taxes by \$372.63 per year, per household.

The Food Pantry is nearing completion. The dedication ceremony for the Food Pantry is scheduled for Friday, March 15th, at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Criss would like to name it the Henry and Evelyn Camp Food Pantry. Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to name the food pantry program the Henry and Evelyn Camp Food Pantry. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Correspondence

The Selectmen reviewed the Animal Control Officer's report for December 2012 and January 2013.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Santoro
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