

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**January 19, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present were First Selectman Frank Chiaramonte, Selectman Christina Emery and Selectman Michael Criss.

Attendees: Town Attorney Michael Rybak and Candace Jones-Pacholski.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Chiaramonte called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Mr. Criss requested the letter from Mr. Orefice be attached to the minutes. Ms. Emery moved to accept the minutes from the meeting held on December 15, 2011 as amended. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

**Public Participation**

None

**Appointments and Resignations**

None

**New Business**

Vote on Revised Charities of Hope Contract:

Mr. Criss noted that there was now an end date as discussed at the last meeting. Ms. Emery expressed concern over the exclusivity clause in the contract. Attorney Rybak reviewed the revised contract and recommended adding the following language. If the Town of Harwinton decides to allow another charity to locate a box on Town property, the Town will give 30 (thirty) days notice and the agreement will be null and void and Charities of Hope will be under no further obligation. The Selectmen agreed and asked the revision be presented at the next meeting.

Vote on Low Impact Development Techniques Manual: The Land Use office has requested the Selectmen un-endorse the Low Impact Development Manual and adopt the Low Impact Development Techniques Manual. Ms. Emery moved to un-endorse the Low Impact Development Manual and to endorse the Low Impact Development Techniques Manual. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Request for Refund of Property Taxes: Mr. Criss made a motion to approve the following tax refunds: \$26.49 to Joseph J. Campoli and \$34.69 to VW Credit Leasing Ltd. Ms. Emery seconded. All were in favor.

### Unfinished Business

Attorney Rybak asked if there were any new developments regarding the LaGanga property. Mr. Chiaramonte replied that he has not heard anything and the taxes are still due. The Selectmen requested the item be added to the agenda for the next meeting which will be February 2, 2011 and requested Highway Supervisor, John Fredsall, to give his opinion of the property.

Ms. Emery provided Mr. Criss with sample blight ordinances from surrounding towns for review and will request information from the Town of Plymouth.

Ms. Emery inquired about the status of the municipal snow budget.

Ms. Emery reported that the Economic Development Commission will meet on January 26<sup>th</sup> and has invited Rich Stocker, Chairman of the Burlington EDC, to discuss the airport property conditions including an inventory of businesses, and demographics.

### First Selectman's Report

Mr. Chiaramonte reported that Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials has been discussing the possibility of sharing services such as revaluation, animal control, geographic informative service (GIS) mapping, information technology, planning, building official, health insurance, solid waste, etc.

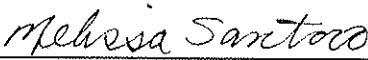
Mr. Chiaramonte said letters went out to all the departments requesting budget information. All information is due January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Regarding funds to towns from the state, Mr. Chiaramonte thinks the amount may be down by 15%.

### Adjournment

Mr. Criss made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Ms. Emery seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes Submitted by:

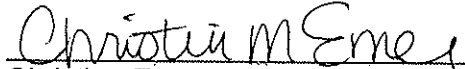


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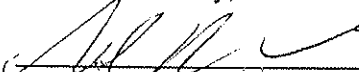
Approved by:



Francis J. Chiaramonte, First Selectman



Christina Emery, Selectman



Michael Criss, Selectman