

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday January 21, 2020 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss - Selectman Evan Brunetti - Selectman Paul Honig.

Public Participation: Jackie Stoughton – Republican American

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Appointments and Resignations – Mr. Criss shared that there was a mass resignation from the Western CT Tourism Bureau because there was an issue with the audit and a potential lawsuit. Steve Criss, the Harwinton representative, resigned from the Board. Mr. Criss spoke with Rick Lynn from NWCOG who shared with Mr. Criss that none of the towns that have members who resigned are ready to fill those seats at this time.

Sabrina Janco resigned from the Harwinton Recreation Committee. Mr. Criss will try to have a list of vacancies for the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Public Participation – None at this time.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – The Tax Refunds totaled \$576.77. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the Tax Refunds. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Region 5 MOA – The Town of Harwinton is a part of the Region 5 DEMHS. Every year Region 5 applies for grants, the money is pooled together and then the towns can buy equipment across the NW Corner; i.e.; emergency flood lights, emergency radios, etc. This Memorandum of Agreement is for Homeland Security. There were no changes from last year's agreement. We will get a notice of reward after all the towns sign them. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to have Mr. Criss sign the MOA. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Town Meeting – Mr. Criss shared a draft of the call and read the nine (9) items on the Annual Town Meeting. Right now, it is in draft form and will be revised and updated by Atty. Rybak once we get all the information. Dates were discussed. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to tentatively hold the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Assembly Hall. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Planning Commission Ordinance Request – The Board of Selectmen received a request from the Planning Commission to combine Ordinances # 15, 34 and 60 to create

a new ordinance. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to have Atty. Rybak make those changes for final review. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss found Community Hall Ordinance # 7 that was adopted in 1954. In the past year the BOS made a policy and form for all the town rentals. Mr. Criss shared that this Ordinance can be repealed. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to repeal Ordinance # 7 as the Town now has a new policy to cover all town buildings usage and to put this on the Town Meeting. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Tax Office submitted a letter to retain overpayments that have not been claimed. Mr. Honig made the motion to retain the \$24.44. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Update on the Budget line item consolidation that was forwarded to the BOF for approval. The BOF had not voted to consolidate those lines yet and Mr. Criss will remind them.

Update on the Building Official Payments. Discussion ensued. Mr. Criss followed up with legal opinion that although the BOF supplemented the line item by \$20,000, this does not change the Town's budgeted amount approved at town meeting. They still failed to correct the overage problem for the end of the year and failed to vote to put it to town meeting. Mr. Criss suggested to send this issue back to the BOF for authorization of overpayments to be brought to the town meeting and for the BOS to hold off on signing any future Building Official checks to avoid litigation.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Executive Session – Legal – Mr. Honig made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:28pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:07pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. No action taken at this time.

Adjournment – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:08pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
First Selectman's Office

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ATTEST TOWN CLERK

James Bryan