

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

A virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 via Webex.

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

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the minutes from the BOS meetings March 17th 2020. Mr. Honig seconded. Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations – Mr. Honig made a motion to appoint Celeste Echlin to the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Public Participation – Two calls joined the call. Warren Wilford - Harwinton Lake Association, Jackie Stoughton – Republican American.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – None at this time.

Tax Selection Program – Mr. Criss outlines both program options: 1) Deferral, 2) Low Interest Rate Program. Discussion ensued. In accordance with the Governor of the State of Connecticut's Executive Order 7S, paragraph 6 and 7W which directs the Town of Harwinton, through its Board of Selectmen, to offer a tax relief program to assist its citizens impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, now, therefore, Mr. Brunetti made a motion for the Board of Selectmen to hereby authorize, adopt and implement the Tax Deferral Program and resolution with respect to taxes, municipal sewer and Lake Association charges as fully set forth in Executive Order 7S, paragraph 6 and 7W. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Budget letter to the Board of Finance – The Board of Finance will receive a memo stating the motion made by the Board of the Selectman stating: In accordance with the Governor of the State of Connecticut's Executive Order 7S, paragraph 6, which directs the Town of Harwinton, through its Board of Selectmen, to offer a tax relief program to assist its citizens impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, now, therefore the Tax Deferral Program with respect to taxes, municipal sewer and Lake Association charges as fully set forth in Executive Order 7s, paragraph 6 and 7W. A Motion made by Mr. Brunetti to forward a memo to the Board of Finance including a request to hold the Mill Rate, remove excess funds added and approve the STEAP and LOCIP funds for critical projects in accordance with the Governor's executive orders. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

COVID19 Update – Mr. Criss shared the most current updates and the governor's recommendations. Discussion ensued. Mr. Criss shared with the Board that a Community Letter is going to be mailed and the Town will remain closed through May. He also stated the cancellation of the Memorial Day parade, but some service will be held.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss covered all updates through the Agenda items.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Adjournment – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
First Selectman's Office

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