

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

Attendees: None

Call to Order

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

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

None

New Business

Approve Adjustment on Tax Overpayment:

In accordance with Connecticut State Statute Sec. 12-129, application for refunds must be made within 3 years of the due date of the tax. Mr. Truskauskas moved to zero out a balance of \$27.30 for bills on or prior to the 2009 Grand List. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Review Tax Sale Properties:

There will be a sealed bid for property left from tax sale 2 years ago. It was recommended that all properties with the exception of the Birge Park Road property be sold. The Birge Park Road property will be designated as open space. Once all sealed bids are received, the matter will go for a vote at a town meeting within 30 days.

Request for Refund of Property Tax:

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the following tax refunds. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor. William J. Beland, \$24.23. Deborah Czark, \$30.97. Daimler Trust, \$477.80. Arthur Fenn, \$14.29. Donna Janazzo, \$198.35. Doreen Key, \$12.30. Ernest Rossi, \$22.51. Myrna Watanabe, \$87.83.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss reported on the dispute between MDC and CRRA. MDC is accusing CRRA of not paying wages and benefits. Mr. Don Stein, chairman of CRRA sent a letter to the town saying the town should ignore MDC's threats and that their efforts to collect more money from CRRA and the towns will ultimately fail. Mr. Stein informed the town that this will not affect our contract with CRRA.

Mr. Criss reported that the second movie night held at Town Hall on Saturday went very well. Approximately 60 people attended. The next "movie night" will be held in September and the movie will be "Rise of the Guardians".

Mr. Criss reported a trooper will be sent to Cemetery Road again to check on unregistered vehicles. Vehicles will be tagged if progress is not made.

The town has had complaints regarding a property off Wildcat Hill Road stating the property has numerous cars on it. The zoning commission can approve a building but has no real say on the design. For that reason, Mr. Criss would like to form an Architectural Review Committee to advise the Zoning and Planning Commissions on the physical aspects of the town's environment. The committee will review each proposed project for aesthetic matters and the physical characteristics and appearance of the site and will make written recommendations. Mr. Criss asked Selectman Truskaukas and Selectman Chiaramonte to submit names at the next Board of Selectmen meeting for consideration to serve on this new committee. Mr. Chiaramonte stated the town needs stricter zoning regulations.

Mr. Criss reported that plans are beginning already for the town's annual Hometown Holiday celebration in December.

Mr. Criss reported that the new Animal Control Officer, Colleen Slason and Assistant ACO Tom Mitchell, are off to a great start. They have the proper equipment, they will be doing the door to door survey and the compliance issues noted by OSHA have all been addressed and corrected. State Animal Control Officer, Richard Greegan inspected the pound and said it looked good. Mr. Criss also thanked former Animal Control Officer, Diane Dodge for her guidance during this transition.

Mr. Criss reported a savings of \$42,000 in recycling. Recycling by residents is up 21%.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by _____
Melissa Santoro