

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday January 5, 2021 7:00pm

A virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 via Webex.

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

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 accept the December 15th, 2020 Minutes. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations – Mr. Criss shared the formal retirement letter from Library employee Joanne Hohensee stating her retirement to be effective February 28, 2021.

Public Participation – None at this time.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – None at this time.

COVID19 Update – Mr. Criss shared:

- The number of COVID-19 cases is now over a 200.
- Vaccines have been available for First Responders.
- The Town employees will be eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine in about 2 weeks.
- Town Hall will continue to follow the modified opening until at least February 1, 2021.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss updated:

- **The Town Historian:** Roger Plaskett passed away on December 24th, 2020. Mr. Criss expressed his sadness for the loss and that we will have to try to have someone appointed to fill the position. Mr. Criss has the ordinances for the Town Historian to help the search in filling the vacancy. Mr. Criss is going to reach out to Mike Orefice and Bonnie Andrews to help find a replacement.
- **The Library generator:** Mr. Criss reached out to Tower Generator to find answers to the questions from the last meeting. The cost to extend the power from the Town Hall generator to the Library would be far too expensive and not cost effective when the site work is factored, excavation and conduits. If they tried to use a smaller generator then the project would have to be redefined as well as the grant. There would be a sizeable amount of work to bring all the key emergency circuits together into one (1) generator panel system. A smaller generator can save about \$15,000, but the ability would be lost to power some things at the Library. Discussion ensued.
- **Town Hall Basement:** There has been flooding in the basement which has caused a mold issue. CIRMA was notified. The crack was found in the concrete that the water was coming from. CIRMA will cover the damage. J. P. McGuire is the company that will be doing the repair.
- **Town Loader:** A loader was accidentally driven into a telephone pole which damaged the loader and the telephone pole. CIRMA determined it was not the operator's fault, but an environmental fault because there was a sun glare obstructing visibility.

- **WPCA Sewer Meter:** The Flow Meter on Clearview was hit by a car and damaged. CIRMA has been notified and the WPCA and Public Works Director are working to get it repaired.
- **Library Position:** It is a union position. Working with the unions to merge groups together to have the same pay rates, insurance coverage payment rates and insurance coverage. Both unions have agreed to merge, now just waiting for the paperwork to come through. These rates will be reflected in the budget.

Correspondence – Letter received from the Tax Collector and shared. Fire Marshall's Report shared.

Executive Session – Personnel/Legal – Nothing at this time.

Adjournment – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by: First Selectman's Office

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