

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
January 7, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Jon Truskauskas, and Selectman Nancy Schnyer.

Attendees: Beth Hamel and Shaylah Renzullo

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 December 17, 2013. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

Mr. Criss read a letter from David Eylers, chairman of the Harwinton Housing Authority, recommending the appointment of Deborah Maccalous to fill a five year term as a member of the Authority. Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the nomination of Deborah Maccalous to the Harwinton Housing Authority. Ms. Schyner seconded. All were in favor. The term for Ms. Maccalous will run from December 1, 2013 through December 1, 2018.

New Business

Set Pension Meeting date and time:

Mr. Criss recommended holding a Pension Trustees meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. and holding a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen on the same day at 7:00 p.m. following the Pension meeting. Ms. Schyner moved to approve holding a Pension Trustees meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 6:00 p.m. and a special Board of Selectmen meeting on January 22, 2014, 7:00 p.m. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Set a Union Bargaining meeting date and time:

Mr. Criss discussed doing employee evaluations. All Selectmen agreed it is important to do employee evaluations. Mr. Criss informed the selectmen that the labor union is not in favor. It is Mr. Criss's understanding that all that is required is the union's acceptance of the evaluation form. Ms. Schnyer moved to table item until more information is obtained from the town's labor attorney. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Town-Owned Tax Sale Properties:

Tax Collector, Beth Hamel reviewed properties scheduled for the tax sale with the Selectmen. Mr. Criss recommended doing a final review of all properties with easements.

Request for Refund of Property Tax:

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the following tax refunds. Linda MCewen, \$67.45. Paul MCewen, \$18.58. Ms. Schyner seconded. All were in favor.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss informed the selectmen that he received the report from the auditors and it looks much better than past years when numerous recommendations were made. The most recent report had only one recommendation for the treasurer.

The Shingle Mill Road bridge project will be moving forward.

Mr. Criss has been approached by people who are interested in forming a 501(c)3 and taking over the cemetery project at the Wilcox property. Mr. Criss is exploring USDA grant money for the purpose of either saving the house or tearing it down and using the property as open operating farmland where farmers can be put on a list to use the land.

Mr. Criss is looking into a restoration grant for the Community Hall building for a new heating system and other improvements. Safe Harbor Youth Service Bureau has shown an interest in using the building.

Mr. Criss completed the paperwork for an extension with DECD regarding the ambulance facility.

The town is applying for a \$50,000 grant for a senior housing study to evaluate potential senior housing properties.

The town is finalizing the grant application for \$300,000 more for the home loan rehabilitation program.

The town will be hosting a Super Saturday Jamboree. The Harwinton Lions Club will hold their car show at the event.

Mr. Criss reported the town is finalizing sponsorship for a movie/concert series.

Mr. Criss received an email from a resident offering to be the town's agent for the 5 year insurance policy for the ambulance facility through Philadelphia Insurance. The town will most likely issue an RFP for this service.

Correspondence

The Selectmen reviewed reports for December, 2013 from the Fire Marshal and the Animal Control Officer.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT HARWINTON CT
ON 1-8-14 AT 2:48pm
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK

Minutes submitted by _____

Melissa Santoro