

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

Attendees: none

Call to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Schyner moved to approve the minutes for the meeting held on February 4, 2014. Mr. Truskauskas abstained from voting due to his partial absence at the meeting. Mr. Criss seconded motion.

None

Appointments and Resignations

The Town has received federal approval for repairs to Shingle Mill Road Bridge. A bridge committee needs to be formed. Highway supervisor, John Fredsall, and First Selectman Criss must be part of the committee. Mr. Criss offered the following names to complete the committee- Tom Pollack, Dave Bousquet, and Tom Rotondo. Ms. Schnyer moved to accept the committee with the following members- John Fredsall, Michael Criss, Tom Pollack, Dave Bousquet, and Tom Rotondo. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

New Business

Request for Refund of Property Tax

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the following tax refunds. Chase Auto, \$261.79. Kerri and Todd Ouelette, \$27.93. John and Ann Conboy, \$999.89. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

First Selectman's Report

At the last meeting the Board voted to give the town's lake lots to the Lake Association. After speaking with Town Attorney, Michael Rybak, Mr. Criss reported the following procedures need to be followed in order to complete the transaction. 1) Refer list of lots to the Planning Commission for a report under CGS §8-24. 2) Obtain a report from the Highway Supervisor as to any future municipal need. 3) Refer the list of lots to the WPCA for a report concerning any adverse effect under its sewer avoidance program at the Lake. 4) Obtain a written statement of the current market value of each lot by the Assessor. 5) Action by the Board of Finance decreasing value of the town's fixed assets list by the value of the lots approving the gift of municipal land to the Association. 6) Approval of the gift by the Board of Selectmen and placing the item on

the warning of a town meeting. 7) Approval of the gift by a town meeting authorizing the First Selectman to sign and deliver the deed and other closing documents.

Mr. Criss reported he is currently working on the budget. He informed the selectmen they will have copies of the budget before the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Mr. Criss plans on speaking with the Board of Finance regarding hiring a professional for the Zoning Commission to look at their regulations.

Mr. Criss had hoped to form a tax oversight committee but time will not permit that now. There are many outstanding budgets that still need to be submitted.

Mr. Criss reported that enrollment is down at Region 10 and the budget is increasing by \$1 million which includes \$225,000 per year for the next 5 years to pay for playing fields even though Harwinton residents voted down the fields by a large majority during a referendum vote.

The Town will hold "Community Conversations" on Friday, February 28, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lewis Mills High School. This is made possible due to an Anti-Bullying Grant obtained by the town. Many people/families have signed up. Younger children may attend a puppet show about bullying. A light dinner will be served. Mr. Criss encouraged everyone to attend.

Correspondence

The Selectmen reviewed the Fire Marshal's report for January, 2014.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by _____
Melissa Santoro

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