

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday July 16, 2019 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti, Selectman Rick Fowler.

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations – Mr. Fowler made a motion to Re-appoint Joanne Hohensee to serve another five (5) year term on the Historic District Commission, until June 30, 2024. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

A recommendation was made to dissolve the Emergency Services Committee and consolidate with the capital equipment committee with one (1) representative from the Ambulance, one (1) representative from each of the Fire Departments and one (1) that the BOS can choose for their own. Mr. Fowler made the motion to dissolve the Emergency Services Committee. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to send a memo to appoint one (1) representative from each department (Fire Departments, Ambulance) with the selectmen having the option to select one (1) representative to the Capital Equipment Committee. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to have Selectman Rick Fowler act as Liaison to the Capital Equipment Committee. Mr. Criss seconded. All if favor; Motion carries.

Public Participation – None at this time.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – None at this time.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss shared the ordinances and policies that need to be voted on for the next town meeting. Atty. Wall has been chosen as the Liaison for residents on Shingle Mill Road. The residents are concerned about the road being altered. The Ordinance #68 would not allow the Town to be able to alter the road. The Ordinance was read. The most recent ordinance regarding a scenic road is for Hayden Road, Ordinance #123 (effective as of July, 4, 2008) was read. Atty. Rybak drafted a Statement of Policy for the selectmen to review. The Highway Supervisor, Dave Bousquet, reviewed the statement of policy which is creating an internal policy for the town to follow. Atty. Rybak will strengthen the policy to protect the town from having to maintain the road due to natural causes. Drafted statement of policy was read. Discussion ensued. Mr. Brunetti questioned the need for such an elaborate policy when the ordinance covers their concerns and then made a motion to explore the policy further and

to continue discussions with Atty. Rybak about the concerns with the residents on Shingle Mill Road. Mr. Fowler seconded; Motion carries.

The Gifting Policy was reviewed. Mr. Fowler made a motion to accept the Gifting Policy. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; motion carries.

The Special Events Ordinance was reviewed. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to proceed to the final draft with suggestions and comments considered for the Special Events Ordinance. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

A resident came to Mr. Criss with an offer for the Town to consider a purchase. The property is 254 Locust Road. Mr. Criss shared the information with the selectmen. Discussion ensued. Mr. Fowler made motion not to pursue the purchase of 254 Locust Road. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Mr. Criss updated the selectmen that there are two (2) applicants for the Blight Officer position.

The Hill Road petition is in effect to have the mailboxes on Hill Road moved to the same side of the road where the actual houses are located.

Mr. Criss is finalizing an ACO Agreement draft for the Animal Control Facility with Barkhamsted, New Hartford and Winsted.

Mr. Criss suggested meeting periodically with the Ambulance Chiefs and Fire Department Chiefs to assess what their needs are. We are looking into a STEAP grant for the Center Firehouse because they are looking to do repairs and upgrades.

The Employee Handbook is done. It is in full compliance. The Employee Handbook only goes to non-union employees as the union employees are bound by the union contract; even though the handbook is compliant with the union handbook, union employees do not have to sign it.

Correspondence – Mr. Criss received a letter from Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development stating that they have merged with the State Historic Preservation Office. They wrote to us in regards to a Preservation Easement that the town has on the Lloyd house/Skinner House to perpetuity for Wintergreen. Mr. Criss sent this to Atty. Rybak for review.

Executive Session – Legal – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:43pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Fowler made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:05 pm. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to have a special Board of Selectmen meeting on June 30th at 7:05pm (after the Pension Meeting) to review and finalize the union contracts. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Adjournment – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
First Selectman's Office

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ON 7-22-19 AT 1:00pm
ATTEST TOWN CLERK
Janet Ryan