

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2014

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

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

Attendees included Frank Chiaramonte, Girvice Archer, Peter Brazaitis, Myrna Watanabe, Althea Stowe, Sunny Torres, Sal Bonola, Deborah Kovall, Town Attorney Mike Rybak.

Call to Order

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

Ms. Schnyer moved to add the following two (2) items to tonight's agenda. Mr. Truskauskas seconded.

- 1) Government Affairs Advisory Panel
- 2) Nutmeg Network Resolution

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms. Schyner moved to approve the minutes from the meetings held on March 4th and March 10, 2014. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Appointments and Resignations

None

Public Participaton

Ms. Watanabe stated she is in support of a letter written by Zoning Commission member Ann Marie Buonocore to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Watanabe read the letter written by Ms. Buonocore. Ms. Watanabe then read a letter she wrote supporting Zoning Commission member Ann Marie Buonocore.

Althea Stowe commented about her treatment by the town in her efforts to construct a garage.

Deborah Kovall stated things that she has seen are disturbing and she would not want to see the town get a bad reputation.

Peter Brazaitis spoke and said he's embarrassed by the behavior of the Zoning Commission and everyone should be treated with respect and fairness.

Victoria Elliot feels that everyone (including herself) should get more involved with the town and stated it should not take a crisis for everyone to start attending meetings.

New Business

Approve Authorizing Resolution for DEMHS:

This is for a grant for Emergency Management. Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve Authorizing Resolution for DEMHS. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

Nutmeg Network Resolution:

The Nutmeg Network is a high speed internet. In order to qualify for grant money for the network a resolution must be approved. Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the Nutmeg Network Resolution. Mr. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

Adopt Tobacco Free Policy:

Ms. Schyner moved to adopt the Tobacco Free Policy. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Request for Refund of Property Tax:

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the following tax refunds. Toyota Motor Credit Corp., \$387.40. Daniel Muniz, \$34.49, \$4.70, and \$23.68. Ms. Schyner seconded. All were in favor.

Government Affairs Advisory Panel:

Mr. Criss is seeking approval from the board to form an organization to put together guidelines for a possible ethics committee and a training program for newly elected officials to explain Roberts Rules, how to conduct oneself at meetings, etc. Attorney Rybak stated a Government Affairs Advisory Panel to look into these areas of town government would be helpful. Mr. Rybak suggested a seven (7) member board. Ms. Schyner made a motion to form a Government Affairs Advisory Panel. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor. Mr. Criss is looking for nominees for the panel.

Adjournment

Ms. Schyner moved to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by _____
Melissa Santoro

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ON 3-26-2014 AT 3:22PM
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK