

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
May 6, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

Attendees: Dan Thurston, Deborah Kovall, and Roger Plaskett. Don Truskauskas joined the meeting in progress.

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 15, 2014. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

Mr. Dan Thurston has volunteered to serve as an alternate on the Zoning Commission. Mr. Mike Durstin has been recommended to serve as a member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Schyner moved to approve the appointment of Dan Thurston as an alternate to the Zoning Commission and the appointment of Mike Durstin to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Truskauskas moved to appoint Lynne Steincamp as a member of the Zoning Commission. Ms. Schyner seconded. All were in favor.

New Business

Approve and Sign Warning for the May 20, 2014 Annual Budget Town Meeting:

The Selectmen discussed items on the Warning. Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the items on the Warning for the Town Budget Meeting scheduled for May 20, 2014. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

Informal discussion on the Harwinton House:

The Selectmen discussed various options with regard to erecting the house from a phased in approach or a build on approach.

Mr. Criss has contacted grant writer, Larry Wagner, to see if other types of grants could be used for the Harwinton House and would like to set up a meeting before the next Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss this further. Roger Plaskett recommended speaking with the Bristol Historical Society who had much success in rehabilitating a building to use as their headquarters.

Sign Agreement between Town of Harwinton and TaxServ Capital Services, LLC:

This is the second extension on the contract. There are no increases in fees. TaxServ is a collection agency and is handling the town's delinquent motor vehicle taxes. The contract will be extended to May 1, 2015. Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve signing the agreement between the Town of Harwinton and TaxServ Capital Services, LLC. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

First Selectman's Report

The Connecticut Siting Council has jurisdiction over the siting of power facilities and transmission lines. The Council is proposing a cell tower on 212 Blueberry Hill. Mr. Criss is interested in the Council holding a public information session for residents who may have questions.

The town currently holds 5 recycling events during the year. One of the vendors is an electronics recycling company and they have offered to pay the town 2 cents per pound of materials. They take care of picking up the materials and shipping so there is no cost to the town. Mr. Criss will be exploring this further.

Super Saturday will be held on Saturday, May 17th.

Mr. Criss stated the Republican American ran an article saying taxes were going up 10% in Harwinton. This was an error. Taxes are not going up 10%. The paper will be doing a correction and have apologized for their error.

Mr. Criss read a note from Gary Schaff inviting the Selectmen to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. The parade will be held on Monday, Memorial Day, May 26th commencing at 2:00 p.m.

Correspondence

The Selectmen reviewed the Animal Control Officer's report for the month of April, 2014.

Adjournment

Ms. Schnyer moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by _____
Melissa Santoro

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT HARWINTON CT
ON 5-8-14 AT 2:32 pm
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK