

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members Present: First Selectman Michael Criss and Selectman Nancy Schnyer.
Absent: Selectman Jon Truskauskas.

Attendees: Members of the CERT team listed below under New Business.

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms. Schnyer made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 2, 2014. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

A letter was received from Dale Adkins notifying the Board that he has resigned from The Harwinton Housing Authority effective immediately. Mr. Criss will be meeting with the Authority tomorrow and will ask for a replacement. Ms. Schyner made a motion to approve the resignation of Dale Adkins from The Harwinton Housing Authority. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

New Business

CERT Team Introduction and Update:

Vincent Wheeler, Emergency Management Director, informed the Board that the town now has a CERT Team that will be deployed during emergencies. All members of the team graduated in May, 2014 after completing 20 hours of training. Mr. Wheeler continued by stating the team will be a great help with sheltering and manning the Emergency Operations Center. The team attended a State drill in July at the Torrington High School and they performed well. Mr. Wheeler introduced Michelle Durocher who trained the team and is certified through the State of Connecticut. Michelle will supervise the team. Ms. Durocher would like the team to have more training in the future in order to better serve the town. The members of the CERT team are Michelle Durocher, Weston Adams, Michelle Flugrad, Brandon Gleeson, Eric Hail, Susan Mucciacciaro, Cheryl Sherlock, Darlene Treleaven, and Allan Van Kirk. Mr. Criss commended Ms. Durocher for spearheading this effort, Vinnie Wheeler for following up on it and the team members for all their effort and training. Having a CERT team will be a big asset to the Town.

Request for Refund of Property Tax:

Ms. Schyner made a motion to approve the following tax refunds. Roger F. Curtiss Jr., \$45.73. Gerald or Linda Asklar, \$138.00. David or Shannon Lepage, \$107.28. Gerard P. Monroe, \$21.20. Melissa Santoro, \$54.07. Rochelle Falzone and Ronald Visini, and

Brenda Mojon, \$6.00. Stephen R. Beavers, \$100.47. Ralph J. Lago, \$10.09. Tina or Joel Sekorski, \$53.29. Dale or Rebecca Adkins, \$38.60. Diane Salus, \$23.67. Elizabeth M. Marrero, \$147.41. Robert J. Rossi, \$226.20. Peter or Elizabeth Chalker, \$18.03. Nissan Infiniti LT, \$68.54. Mr. Criss seconded motion. All in favor.

Ms. Schyner made a motion to add the following to the agenda: "Release of Retainage, Roofing Project". Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

Senior Housing:

Mr. Criss is meeting with The Harwinton Housing Authority tomorrow. The Town and the Housing Authority are interested in adding senior housing in town. Mr. Criss is willing to work with the Authority to help them spearhead the project.

The Wilcox House:

Mr. Criss would like to form a cemetery committee to see about using 4 acres of the Wilcox property as a cemetery. He would also like to explore some options with the USDA regarding the Wilcox House. Ms. Schyner moved to approve the formation of a cemetery committee. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Release of Retainage, Roofing Project:

Retainage of \$2,750 is due to be released for the roofing project completed at Town Hall last year. Letters were received from Highway Supervisor, John Fredsall and the Town's on-call engineer, Steve McDonnell stating the roof was done well and there are no obvious defects or deficiencies. Ms. Schyner made a motion to release retainage in the amount of \$2,750 to Signature Building and Remodeling. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Set Date for Land Use Boards Meeting:

Mr. Criss explained the purpose of these meetings is to update the Board of Selectmen on various things the Land Use Boards are doing. Ms. Schyner made a motion to set a meeting for Tuesday, October 7, 2014 with the Board of Selectmen and the Land Use Boards. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. (one half hour before the Board of Selectmen meeting). Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss announced that the Town is holding a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring trick or treaters and a car with candy.

Once again, Mr. Criss and Mr. Ted Shafer, First Selectman of Burlington will participate in "Tips for Teens" for Safe Harbor Youth Services. They will be delivering pizzas on Friday, October 17, 2014 and will donate their tips to Safe Harbor.

The municipal lot lighting project at Town Hall is under way and should be complete by October.

Mr. Criss attended the Government Affairs Panel and believes they will do very well. They will compare ethics policies of other towns similar in size to Harwinton.

The Town of Harwinton received 2 grants from Thomaston Savings Bank for the Emergency Operations Center and for the Hometown Holiday celebration.

Correspondence

The Selectmen reviewed the Fire Marshal's activity report from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Tom Schoenemann with the Economic Development Commission submitted a report recommending some changes regarding commercial buildings and properties in town.

Adjournment

Ms. Schyner moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Santoro
Melissa Santoro

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