

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING October 21, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

Attendees: Frank Hickey, Candace Jones-Pacholski

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the minutes from the BOS/Land Use Special Meeting held on October 7, 2014 and the minutes from the Board of Selectman Regular Meeting also held on October 7, 2014. Ms. Schyner seconded. All were in favor.

### **Appointments and Resignations**

Mr. Criss supplied the Selectmen with a list of vacancies on various boards and commissions. No recommendations were received from commissions with vacancies.

### **New Business**

#### Request for Refund of Property Tax

Ms. Schyner made a motion to approve the following tax refund. Yale Polo & Equestrian Center, \$70.59. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

#### Review Recommendations from the Government Affairs Panel

Mr. Criss supplied the Selectmen with copies of minutes from the October 9, 2014 Government Affairs Committee meeting, the Town of Litchfield's ethics policy and ordinances, and the Town of Burlington's ethics policy for review. The panel recommended the Town establish a Code of Ethics and a Board of Ethics Committee. Training is recommended for commission/committee members to alleviate any problems.

Chairman of the Panel, Frank Hickey, stated the panel members did a very good job and operated in a non-partisan way. Mr. Criss thanked the panel for all their work.

#### Authorize Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute and deliver a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant

Ms. Schnyer made a motion to table this item. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

#### Authorize First Selectman to Sign NWCOG Resolution

The Northwest Hills Council of Governments is applying for a STEAP grant and they would like the support of the Town in the form of a Resolution. Mr. Truskauskas made a

motion that the Board of Selectmen endorses and supports the "Village Commercial Area Welcome and Wayfinding Signage" project for submission as a 2015 STEAP project. Ms. Schyner seconded. All were in favor.

#### General Discussion on Ordinances

Mr. Criss stated the Board of Selectmen is the Parking Authority for the town. The town has a parking ban that typically takes effect in November and continues through the winter. Mr. Criss asked that the Selectmen review the town's existing parking ordinance because he is considering modifying the ordinance to include a year-round parking ban for large trucks due to the town's narrow roads. The junk car ordinance needs modifications also. It is the goal of Mr. Criss to complete modifications to ordinances in time for the next town meeting. The Selectmen also received a copy of a blight ordinance that was prepared in 2012 for their review.

#### **First Selectman's Report**

There will not be a Board of Selectmen meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> due to elections. The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board will be on November 18, 2014.

The Town received a total of \$3,000 from the Thomaston Savings Bank grants. One grant was \$1,000 for the town's Recreation Program. The other grant for \$2,000 is for Emergency Management. The Lions Club received \$3,000 to redo the play area at the Conservation Area.

The Lions Club will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at Harwinton Consolidated School.

Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall.

Mr. Criss volunteered for the second year for the Tips for Teens fundraiser. \$812 was raised for Safe Harbor Youth Service Program

#### **Correspondence**

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

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Ms. Schyner seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Santoro