

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2014

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

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

Attendees: None

Call to Order

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

Mr. Truskauskas moved to add the following to the agenda: "Right of Way Agreement with DOT". Mr. Criss seconded motion.

Mr. Truskauskas moved to add the following to the agenda: "Pending Claims/Litigation, Executive Session". Mr. Criss seconded.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 2, 2014. Mr. Criss seconded motion.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to re-appoint Robert Collins to the Board of Health for Torrington Area Health District. Term will run through February 28, 2017.

Mr. Criss seconded motion.

Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to re-appoint William Gangloff to the Housing Authority. Term is December 1, 2014 through December 1, 2019. Mr. Criss seconded.

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the appointment of Tim Bobroske as a regular member of the Housing Authority, pending Housing Authority approval, to complete a vacancy position through December 1, 2017.

New Business

Right of Way Agreement with DOT:

Mr. Criss stated he does not think signing the agreement will be beneficial because it gives the state too much leeway on our state highways. Mr. Truskauskas was in agreement. Mr. Truskauskas moved to not sign the Right of Way Agreement with DOT. Mr. Criss seconded motion.

Request for Refund of Property Tax:

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the following tax refund. Lazy Acres Farm, \$297.38. Mr. Criss seconded.

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Ordinance Discussion:

Attorney Rybak submitted an ordinance concerning the acquisition of tax exempt properties for the Selectmen to review. The ordinance exempts the Town from taxation for any property acquired by the Town. The ordinance also exempts taxation for tax exempt organizations. Mr. Truskauskas moved to add to the call for the next town meeting, as written, an ordinance concerning the acquisition of tax exempt properties. Mr. Criss seconded the motion.

Mr. Criss noted Attorney Rybak is currently working on a blight ordinance. Mr. Criss is in favor of the car ordinance written by Attorney Rybak that has been submitted to Troop L for their review.

First Selectmen Criss and Selectman Truskauskas would like to discuss an Ethics Commission at the next meeting when Selectman Schnyer is present to add her thoughts on the subject.

Pending Claims/Litigation, Executive Session:

Mr. Truskauskas moved to enter into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss pending claims/litigation. Mr. Criss seconded. In attendance during executive session were First Selectman Michael Criss and Selectman Jon Truskauskas. Mr. Truskauskas moved to exit executive session at 7:11 p.m. Mr. Criss seconded. Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to have the law firm of Shipman and Goodwin represent the Town before the Connecticut Labor Department. Mr. Criss seconded motion.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss announced approximately 3,000 people attended this year's Hometown Holiday Celebration. \$5,000 was raised for the event with \$1,000 left as seed money for next year's event.

There was a ribbon cutting event on Sunday, December 13th for the new Ambulance Facility/Emergency Operations Center.

The Board is working on a strategic plan for the Wilcox house at the request of the Board of Finance.

The Harwinton Volunteer Fire Department is holding their Christmas party on December 19th.

Mr. Criss is hoping to finish the paperwork on the Kaminski property prior to January. There is grant money remaining.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Criss seconded.

Minutes submitted by Melissa Santoro
Melissa Santoro

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