

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 16, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Jon Truskauskas.  
Selectman Frank Chiaramonte absent with prior notice.

Attendees: Candace Jones-Pacholski, Elliot Cyr, and Janice Cyr.

Mr. Truskauskas moved to add: Possible litigation in Executive Session. Mr. Criss seconded.

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 2, 2013.  
Mr. Criss seconded.

**Public Participation**

None

**Appointments and Resignations**

Bree Gurin is changing from a regular member to an alternate member on the Historic District Commission. Her term is 7/1/2013 through 6/30/2016. Orrie Simko is changing from an alternate member to a regular member on the Historic District Commission. His term is five (5) years, 7/1/2013 through 6/30/2016. Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to approve the appointment of Bree Gurin as an alternate and Orrie Simko as a regular member of the Historic District Commission. Mr. Criss seconded.

**New Business**

Review and approve language for perpetual drainage easement on parcel of property shown as lots 1 and 2 within Wesley Cyr subdivision map dated 6/14/2013:

Mr. Criss noted that letters approving easement have been received by Polly Redmond in Land Use and Town Attorney Michael Rybak. Highway Supervisor, John Fredsall's letter states he finds the drainage easement location and conditions allowing the Town the right to access and maintain this easement in an emergency, but not the obligation to conduct regular maintenance acceptable to the Town of Harwinton and its Public Works Department. Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve Grant of Easement and Discharge of Drainage Easement for the subdivision plan for Wesley Cyr. Mr. Criss seconded.

Discussion of C-PACE program:

The Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program sponsored by the Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority (CEFIA) with a goal of financing clean energy technology through energy technology loans has been reviewed by the Selectmen and Attorney Rybak. Mr. Criss, Mr. Truskauskas, and Attorney Rybak do not recommend the Town signing up for the program even though some towns in the state have. Mr. Rybak noted that the agreement allows CEFIA to sell its benefit assessments

to third party investors who will then have the same right as the Tax Collector to foreclose its unpaid assessments on Harwinton Properties. Mr. Criss would like to see some results of the program when available and report his findings at a future Board of Selectmen meeting.

Peddlers Permit Discussion:

Mr. Criss received samples of peddlers permits from other towns. He informed Attorney Rybak that the town had a problem a few weeks ago with a vendor who received a peddlers permit. The company was from Texas and had their personnel going door to door without supervision and they were knocking on doors anywhere from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. They also misrepresented themselves as being affiliated with the school. The town received many complaints. It was at this time that Mr. Criss thought it best to review the current ordinance. Mr. Criss will email information obtained from CCM regarding permits to Attorney Rybak who will then draft a new ordinance for the Selectmen to review.

Refund of Property Tax:

None

Possible litigation:

Mr. Truskauskas moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Criss seconded. Present were First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Jon Truskauskas, and Attorney Rybak. Mr. Truskauskas moved to exit Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Criss seconded. Mr. Truskauskas moved to send a letter of denial to claimant. Mr. Criss seconded.

**First Selectman's Report**

Mr. Criss reported that NWCOG (Northwest Connecticut Council of Governments) and LHCEO (Litchfield Hills County of Elected Officials) will merge and become Northwest Hills Council of Governments. Attorney Rybak added that the current ordinance regarding the council of elected officials will have to be repealed and replaced with a new ordinance with an effective date of January 1, 2014. This matter will have to be voted on at Town Meeting.

**Correspondence**

The Selectmen reviewed the Animal Control Officer's report for June, 2013.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Criss seconded.

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

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ON 7-18-13 AT 10:14 AM  
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