

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
April 5, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on April 5th, 2016 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti, and Selectman Nancy Schnyer.

Attendees: Taylor Rapalyea with Republican American

Call to Order

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

Public Participation

None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Brunetti moved to table item until he can review tape recording. Ms. Schyner seconded. All were in favor.

Appointments and Resignations

Gary Schaff declined the alternate position on the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Paul Whiton has been sworn in as a regular member.

New Business

Fair Housing Resolution:

The Fair Housing Resolution affords all persons a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice. Mr. Brunetti moved to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution and to continue with the grant program. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

Set Date for Pension Meeting:

Mr. Brunetti moved to approve meeting of Pension Trustees for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

Set Date for Land Use Meeting:

Mr. Criss wants to set up a meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Land Use Chairmen to see what everyone is working on and to share ideas and comments. Mr. Brunetti moved to hold a Land Use/BOS meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

Bogue Road Bridge:

Mr. Criss explained that this project to repair bridge on lower Bogue Road is long overdue. Most of the bridge is on the Torrington side but a small portion of it belongs to Harwinton. The work is planned for the fall of 2016. Ms. Schnyer moved to recommend an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for repairs to Bogue Road Bridge with Torrington

and to be on the call for the next Town Meeting. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All were in favor.

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Budget:

The Selectmen had a discussion on the budget. The Selectmen agreed to write a letter to the Board of Finance requesting them to please consider using surplus funds to hold the tax rate down when setting the mill rate this year. Mr. Criss will draft letter for Selectmen to review.

Labor Negotiations – Executive Session:

Ms. Schnyer moved to enter into executive session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations. Mr. Brunetti seconded. Ms. Schnyer voted to exit executive session at 8:06 p.m. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All were in favor. Motion was made by Ms. Schnyer at to reach out to the labor attorney to begin negotiations and set and schedule. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All were in favor.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss asked the Selectmen for feedback after reviewing the proposed Blight Ordinance. Mr. Brunetti questioned if the ordinance might be too broad to be enforceable. Other than that he noted the ordinance is very good and in line with other towns. Attorney Rybak suggested the town hold two (2) public hearings on the Blight Ordinance, therefore, it will not be on the call for the Annual Budget Town Meeting in May. Mr. Brunetti moved to have Attorney Rybak finalize the ordinance and move forward with scheduling public hearings. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

Correspondence

The Selectmen reviewed the Fire Marshal's report for March, 2016.

Adjournment

Ms. Schnyer moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by _____
Melissa Santoro

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