

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 7, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on June 7, 2016 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss and Selectman Evan Brunetti.

Absent: Selectman Nancy Schnyer

Attendees: none

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)**

Mr. Brunetti moved to approve the minutes from the following meetings: Board of Selectmen/Land Use Chairmen Special Meeting on May 3, 2016. Board of Selectmen Regular meeting on May 3, 2016. Board of Selectmen Special Meeting on May 10, 2016. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

**Public Participation**

None

**Appointments and Resignations**

Mr. Criss stated there are a few people interested in the openings on the Zoning Commission and the Planning Commission. He will have more information at a later date.

**New Business**

Request for Refund of Property Tax

Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the following tax refunds: Herbert and Randi Hall, \$15.18. Scott P. Martin, \$83.28. Maurice and Joanne Piper, \$27.27. Kathleen Williams, \$30.77. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Conservation Commission Ordinance

Mr. Criss noted that the current ordinance violates current state statute and needs to be updated. Mr. Brunetti moved to have Attorney Rybak review and re-draft the Conservation Commission ordinance and other ordinances if needed. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Bogue Road Bridge Project

At the Board of Selectmen meeting held on April 5, 2016 the board voted 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. The State determined Harwinton's share to be \$102,000.00. The Board of Finance did not approve the amount because they thought the number would be higher. The City of Torrington is requesting \$24,120 from Harwinton but it has not been authorized because it was not on the call at the last town meeting.

Mr. Brunetti made a motion to refer this item to the Board of Finance with a request that it go to Town Meeting and to amend proposal and request an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for repairs to Bogue Road Bridge with the City of Torrington. Mr. Criss said a town meeting may be held in the fall of 2016.

#### Union Negotiations – Executive Session

Mr. Brunetti moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations with Mr. Criss at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Criss seconded motion. At 7:20 p.m. Mr. Brunetti moved to exit executive session. Mr. Criss seconded. Mr. Brunetti made a motion that the town will go to mediation regarding union contracts. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

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

On August 2, 2016 there will be a public hearing on Shingle Mill Road Bridge project #65-113, federal bridge program. Notices will be sent to abutters.

In progress is Project #174-407, replace current road illumination with LED lighting. This is a State DOT project with Eversource and will have no cost to the town.

Replacing the lights should save the Town in electricity costs.

Eversource's Frost Bridge project should be starting in August, 2016. This project is to upgrade substation at the end of Wildcat Hill Road. Mr. Criss requested that Eversource not drive construction trucks on the local Town roads and to use Valley Road to Route 8 to Route 118 instead. Eversource will secure all right of ways with gates.

Movie and concert nights will be starting soon. The Town is planning on hosting four (4) movie nights this summer.

Mr. Criss has requested the town's Assessor to work five (5) days a week at the current rate. A physical revaluation will be done now. Local students will be working as interns during the summer and will be taking photographs and obtaining general information. There is more than \$120,000 currently in the revaluation budget to cover the costs. Mr. Brunetti suggested getting summer help from local colleges. Mr. Criss will look into that and report back. Mr. Criss reported an internal audit was done for 2013 – 2014 years and found one \$11,000 error. An estimate of grand list errors is .01%. Mr. Criss noted that he is monitoring the office weekly.

#### **Correspondence**

The Selectmen reviewed the Animal Control reports for January, February, March, and April, 2016.

#### **Adjournment**

Mr. Brunetti moved to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

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

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ON 6-14-16 AT 11:20 AM  
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK