

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
May 7, 2013

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at the Harwinton Public Library.

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

Attendees: Candace Jones-Pacholski

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 April 16, 2013. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

Mr. Truskauskas moved to appoint Jessie Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Truskauskas moved to reappoint Jon Sederquist to the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor. The term is 11/22/2012 through 11/22/2016.

Mr. Truskauskas moved to add "Approve call for May 21st Annual Budget Town Meeting. Mr. Criss seconded.

New Business

Authorize Selectmen to sign agreement for purchase of 4.27+- acres on the Naugatuck-
Mr. Truskauskas moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign an agreement for the purchase of 4.27+- acres along the Naugatuck. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

Authorization to proceed with property survey of 4.27+- acres along the Naugatuck-
Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to proceed with property survey of 4.27+- acres along the Naugatuck. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

Authorize payment of deposit on 4.27+- acres on the Naugatuck-
Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve \$100 payment for deposit on 4.27+- acres on the Naugatuck. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

Review/Sign Agreement between Town and TaxServ Capital Services, LLC-
Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve a one year extension of the contract with TaxServ Capital Services LLC for tax collection services for the Town commencing May 1, 2013. Mr. Criss seconded. Mr. Criss noted that TaxServ collected over \$6,000 last year for the Town.

Request for Refund of Property Tax-

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve a tax refund to Carol Jones in the amount of \$22.03. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

Approve call for May 21st Annual Budget Town Meeting-

A change in the call is the amount in #6. The new amount is \$52,039. Mr. Criss read the call as follows:

The electors and those persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of Harwinton are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Assembly Hall of the Town Hall, 100 Bentley Drive, Harwinton, Connecticut, on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Budget Meeting for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act upon the municipal budget, including Harwinton's share of the Regional School District #10 budget, in the amount of \$17,315,451 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, as recommended by the Board of Finance.
2. To consider and act upon an Ordinance Increasing the Minimum Tax Payment Amount.
3. To consider and act upon an Ordinance Concerning Assignment of Tax and Sewer Liens.
4. To authorize an appropriation not to exceed \$60,000 from the Municipal Complex Capital Fund for a new roof and gutters for the Town Hall.
5. To authorize a supplemental appropriation from General Fund surplus not to exceed \$200,000 to supplement funding for the town's Pension Plan for the current fiscal year.
6. To authorize an appropriation not to exceed \$52,039 for lighting and paving Bentley Drive and the parking lots at the Town Hall and Library and repair of the sidewalks, stairs and ramp at the Senior Center in accordance with the town's Five-Year Capital Plan, to be reimbursed by Local Capital Improvement Project ("LoCIP") grant funds pursuant to C.G.S. Ch. 116B.
7. Pursuant to the Ordinance adopted April 23, 2013, to nominate and elect one (1) member to the Regional School District #10 Board of Education to fill an interim term commencing July 1, 2013 and ending November 30, 2013, i.e., until a successor is elected for a full four-year term at the November 2013 municipal election and has qualified.

Mr. Truskauskas made a motion to approve the call with changes. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss reminded everyone about the Safety and Health Jamboree at Town Hall on Saturday, May 18th. There will be many things to see and there will be live music. Mr. Criss announced the Town has sponsors for 2 movie nights this summer at Town Hall. There will also be a concert this summer. The concert is planned for June. The movie nights will be in July and August.

Mr. Criss is not expecting a tax increase this year. He thanked everyone for working hard on their budgets.

Mr. Criss noted that the Town won on the proposed magnet school mandate where schools would have to pay for students in their jurisdiction to pay for private schools. Mr. Criss opposed the idea and testified in Hartford. He was asked to return to speak directly to the state Board of Education on how the proposal would affect Harwinton. Mr. Criss offered proposed wording for the bill which was accepted. Mr. Criss noted that this was a big win for the Town because if it had passed, it would have cost the Town an additional \$50,000 just in pre-k magnet school programs. That fee will now go to parents on a sliding scale based on income.

Correspondence

The Selectmen reviewed the Animal Control Officer's reports for January, February, and March, 2013 and the Fire Marshal's Report for April, 2013.

Legislative Update from Senator Kevin Witkos, Senator Jason Welch, and Representative John Piscopo.

Senator Witkos, Senator Welch, and Representative Piscopo attended tonight's meeting to give a Legislative Update on the proposed state budget. They gave a very informative presentation and answered questions from the audience for approximately 1 ½ hours.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Mr. Criss seconded.

Minutes Submitted by Melissa Santoro
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