

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
October 4, 2016

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 in the Main Assembly Hall at 6:00 pm.

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

Attendees: Peter Thierry, Scott Kellogg, various members of West Side Fire Dept.

Call to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Brunetti voted to approve. Ms. Schnyer seconded.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

A motion was made by Ms. Schnyer and seconded by Mr. Brunetti to appoint John Dicostanzo and Peter Brazaitis IV to fill two vacancies on the ZBA. All were in favor.

New Business

Request for Refund of Property Tax

Ms. Schnyer moved to approve all submitted tax refunds by the tax collector. Mr. Brunetti seconded. Motion carries.

Westside Fire Department- Chief Scott Kellogg and various members of the West Side Fire Department presented the purchase/replacement of Engine 12, which is up this year based on a recommendation from the Emergency Committee. A discussion ensued. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to recommend a price not to exceed \$594,355.00 and to refer payment option one saving the town \$15,044.63 to the BOF for a town meeting. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor motion carries.

Blight Ordinance review – Mr. Criss provided a final draft of the Blight Ordinance, incorporating a change suggestion from the first public informational meeting in section 4 item 6 letter h to ensure that a complaint could not be made solely on the purposes of un-cut grass, and also from Mr. Brunetti's suggested change to section 5 first paragraph giving the blight commission the ability to refer the complaint to another commission if there is a better regulation it fits under to avoid fines. Ms. Schnyer made a motion to accept this final version as written, pending any further comments from the public informational meeting held at 7pm the same night and to refer it to the Town Meeting. Mr. Brunetti seconded all were in favor motion carries.

Tax-Veterans and Seniors- Mr. Criss advised the B.O.S. that he was compiling data on what other towns were doing as it relates to the state versus local option and would present at the next meeting for discussion purposes. No motion needed.

First Selectman's Report- Mr. Criss advised the B.O.S. of a meeting with the architect for Wednesday the 5th to discuss the bid specifications, when they will be completed 100%, an RFP and a timeline to show progress on project. Mr. Criss agreed to email an update to the B.O.S. after that meeting. Mr. Criss also discussed a proposed bill that will regionalize the health districts and cost the towns triple what it does now because it will be based on a percentage of operating budgets, including the Regional School District, rather than population. Mr. Criss is having a meeting with legislatures and the TAHD to put a plan together to stop this bill from moving forward, other Northwest towns will be there as well.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Ms. Schnyer moved to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. Motion carries

Minutes submitted by _____
Michael Criss

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