

2568BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday October 9, 2018 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti, Selectman Rick Fowler.

Attendees: Atty. Michael Rybak – Town Attorney, Jeff Neumann – Building Official, Alice Freiler – Harwinton Public Library Director, Leslie Flowers – Library Board of Directors, Jaqueline Stoughton – Republican American

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations

There is one resignation from Victoria Elliot from the Inlands Wetlands Commission. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept the resignation. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Participation

Alice Freiler and Leslie Flowers came to discuss the storage shed for the donated books for the library book sale. At the last meeting the Board of Selectmen asked that Ms. Freiler go through Zoning. Polly Redmond, the Land Use Coordinator, has signed off on it. There is no delivery charge. The Garden Club saved all the plants in that area. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to bring this to the Board of Finance for approval with the recommendation to take it from the Municipal Fund. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Ms. Freiler had a final budget for a new projector system for the Activity Room. Money from the Library Board and a grant from Thomaston Savings Bank is how the library is paying for this project. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the project. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Ms. Freiler asked for the limited wine tasting for their Art Show Fundraiser event. Mr. Fowler made a motion for one wine tasting at the Art Show at the Library Fundraiser. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

New Business:

Request for Tax Refunds – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept the Tax Refunds. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in Favor. Motion carries.

Wilcox Property – The town approved the sealed bid sale of the Wilcox Property at the September 18th Special Meeting. He forwarded us the paperwork: The Notice that has to go in the paper, the contract of sale and the resolution authorizing the sale. Mr. Fowler asked if an open house indicates having potential buyers walk through the house. Mr. Criss mentioned that he would not feel comfortable having people actually

walk through the house, but can walk the outside and the property. We can schedule a visual of the property. The house may not be safe for a walk through. There are no open wells. There will be one site inspection a week prior to the sale. There will be a sign put on the property for the auction. Atty. Rybak explained that for a foreclosure a 10% cash non-refundable deposit accompanies the successful bid. The town would take a bank check. The proceeds are public depository funds and they can come directly to the town. Atty. Rybak asked if we would like to have the house taken down within a certain number of days after purchase of the property. Mr. Criss suggested a certain number of days. Atty. Rybak recommended thirty (30) days. Mr. Criss suggested sixty (60) days to ensure there is enough time to properly take it down. The appraisal of the house is at \$76,000 because they lowered it at the 3.18 acres. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the appraised price of the house at \$76,000. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board – Northwest Regional Workforce revised their contract. Atty. Rybak already looked it over and approved it. Mr. Brunetti made a motion for Mr. Criss to accept and sign the updated contract. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Building Department – Discussion ensued about the upcoming project with the Torrington Sewer Plant. Mr. Fowler made a motion for the Building Official to follow the existing Ordinance on record while working with Torrington WPCA. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss talked about the annual fundraiser 'Tips for Teens' for the youth services program in town. Mr. Criss delivers pizzas with the students that volunteer. Revaluation is wrapping up. The Assessor does them in-house. Every ten (10) years there is a full revaluation. The Assessor uses Vision. Vision sets up the models that she uses for to do price comparisons are accurate. They double check the grand list and also check her cost rates. Having Vision comes in protects the town – they do the field reviews and the income analysis in accordance with other towns. It's a protection for residence and also saves the town on legal fees. The town puts in \$2,000 annually for revaluation so that we can pay the bill when the ten (10) year mark hits. Everything looks good, it is almost done. The bug between Vision and Quality (the software) was resolved.

Correspondence – Fire Marshall's Report.

Executive Session – Legal – No action taken.

Adjournment – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
First Selectman's Office

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