

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday July 30, 2019 7:30pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti, Selectman Rick Fowler, Peter Thierry – Board of Finance, Dave Bousquet – Highway Supervisor

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Appointments and Resignations – There is an opening on the Western Connecticut Convention and Visitors Bureau for a Harwinton appointment. The term for Marie Etter, who served on the Board for Harwinton, has expired. The Connecticut Tourism Bureau asked Harwinton to appoint a person to represent the tourism interests in Harwinton; Steve Criss was the Torrington representative and is a Harwinton resident and requested to be Harwinton's representative, both names were presented. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept/nominate/approve Steve Criss to sit on the Board of the Western Connecticut Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Public Participation – None at this time.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve tax refund for \$3,270.64. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Approval of New Truck – Mr. Criss shared a request from the Capital Equipment Committee in reference to their Unit 11 truck being replaced. They met on July 11th and had two bidders on it. They made a decision to go with Nutmeg for the replacement. The amount allowed in the budget for a truck purchase is \$195,000. The amount is \$191,000 with the trade in. The Committee reviewed bids from Nutmeg and Freightliner. The bids were open on July 11th, 2019 for a new plow truck. A letter from Capital Equipment was read. The Capital Equipment committee recommends the purchase of the truck chassis from Nutmeg International of Torrington with W.H. Rose of Columbia for \$177,670.00; also recommending a large roll plow for \$8,135.00 possible upgrade of the light pack for \$2,200.00 and adding a liquid spray salt system for \$3,895 making this a total purchase of \$191,900. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the purchase of the truck. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Playground – HYSA hired a contractor to work on the town hall playground to put a rubberized material around the playground area. The timeframe they are looking at is in early September to do the work. This will be completely funded by HYSA with the Town crew doing some prep work. Discussion ensued.

First Selectman's Report – HYSA asked for a camera to be installed on their building to monitor activity around the building.

Mr. Criss and Dave Bousquet are reviewing the Municipal Building five (5) year plans for the Municipal buildings.

Mr. Criss is putting together the supplemental list for the next Board of Finance Meeting, which was shared with the selectmen.

The auditors are working closely with the finance department in reviewing journal entries and closure of previous years books not done by the former bookkeeper.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Executive Session – Personnel Legal – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:55pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:10 pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the Working Agreement between the Town of Harwinton and Local 1303-95 of Council # 4 AFSCME AFL-CIO for the Highway Department Employees dated July 1 2019 – June 30, 2023 as it appears. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Mr. Fowler made a motion for the Labor Attorney to send his prepared letter to the Board of Finance regarding interference with Personnel and the work environment. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Adjournment – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
First Selectman's Office

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