

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 21, 2010**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present at the meeting were First Selectman Frank Chiaramonte, Selectman Christina Emery and Selectman Michael Criss.

Attendees: Kari Banach

**Call to Order**

Mr. Chiaramonte called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Ms. Emery made a motion to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on April 7, 2010. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Upon review of the minutes from the Board of Finance Budget Hearing held on April 15, 2010, Ms. Emery noted that Selectman Criss was omitted from the list of participants.

**Public Participation**

None

**Appointments and Resignations**

None

**New Business**

Approval of the Call for the Annual Budget Meeting: Mr. Chiaramonte noted that the recreation fields will now be called the Harwinton Sports Complex and will be noted as such on the call. He explained the three items on the call. #1: To consider and act upon the municipal budget, including Harwinton's share of the Regional School District #10 budget, as recommended by the Board of Finance. #2: To nominate and elect one member to the Regional School District #10 Board of Education for a term of four years commencing July 1, 2010. #3: To act on an Ordinance prohibiting dogs at the Harwinton Sports Complex. Mr. Chiaramonte explained the ordinance will not restrict dogs from the Conservation area but will prohibit dogs from the Harwinton Sports Complex. The Town is looking into putting a dispenser at the Conservation area to encourage people to clean up after their dogs. Ms. Emery asked if a sign could be installed at the Conservation area stating that no dogs are allowed on the playground. The Selectmen agreed a sign should be placed at the playground. Mr. Criss made a motion to approve the call for the Annual Budget Meeting. Ms. Emery seconded. All were in favor.

Establish Building Committee for the Ambulance Facility: Mr. Chiaramonte asked if anyone wanted to add names for the Building Committee for the ambulance facility. Mr. Criss stated that Chris Janco is interested in serving on the committee. The Selectmen would like to see a committee made up of five to six people. Mr. Chiaramonte will now contact the names on the list to see who is interested. He has already asked Chairman of the Board of Finance, Peter Thierry, if he would serve. The Selectmen will officially appoint the committee at their next meeting.

Mr. Chiaramonte stated that perc testing will be performed at 166 Burlington Road to see if a septic and leeching field is possible.

Ms. Emery moved to add the following to the agenda: Approval of Health Insurance Provider. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Approval of Health Insurance Provider: Mr. Chiaramonte stated that the quote received from the current provider, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, showed a 25% increase. The Town and Region 10 have the same provider and uses the same broker, Ovation Benefits, who searches for the best prices. Region 10 decided that CIGNA was the best offer for comparable coverage with a 4.5% increase. Mr. Criss moved to approve CIGNA as the new health care and dental provider for employees. Ms. Emery seconded. All were in favor.

First Selectman's Report: Mr. Chiaramonte stated that four acres of the Wilcox property has been designated for a cemetery. The West Cemetery Association is not interested in managing the new cemetery but may be able to offer assistance to a new organization. Mr. Chiaramonte has people interested and will be meeting with them soon.

Mr. Chiaramonte reported that the Town has received a fishing access grant for \$42,000 and has applied for another grant in the amount of \$300,000. He explained the purpose of the grant is to obtain fishing access to the Naugatuck River.

There is a new organization started by people at the school called "Make a Mark", headed by Dwight Harris. Their goal is to raise money to pay for things that the school is unable to pay for. The organization asked Selectmen of Harwinton and Burlington to attend their meetings.

Mr. Criss reported that the first Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held soon and will be open to the public.

Mr. Chiaramonte informed the Selectmen that they will be marching in the Memorial Day Parade.

**Correspondence**

None

**Adjournment**

Mr. Criss made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Ms Emery. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

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Melissa Santoro

Approved by:

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Francis J. Chiamonte, First Selectman

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Christina Emery, Selectman

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Michael Criss, Selectman

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