

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
June 2, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, June 2, 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: Attorney Michael Rybak, Nancy LaGanga and Kari Banach

Call to Order

Mr. Chiaramonte called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Criss moved to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2010 with the following correction: Page 2, second paragraph should read: Mr. Criss read a letter from Judy Pleau regarding billing by the Harwinton Ambulance Association. Ms. Emery seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

Mr. Criss moved to accept the recommendation of the Commission on Aging endorsing the appointment of Ann DiMauro to the Commission on Aging to fill the vacancy created by the death of Lyn Keepin. Ms. Emery seconded. All were in favor. Ms. Emery moved to appoint Timothy Cook as a sub registrar for the purpose of issuing burial or cremation permits for any death occurring in town when the office is closed. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

New Business

Nancy LaGanga regarding property on Oakwood Drive: Ms. LaGanga informed the Board that she has owned a lot on Oakwood Drive for many years and had a verbal agreement with the former tax collector, John Thrall. In the late 90's Ms. LaGanga owned two lots on Oakwood Drive. She said Mr. Thrall asked her if she would like to give the lots to the Town in exchange for taxes owed. She ended up selling one lot. The same person was going to buy the second lot but never did. She said she wrote a letter to Mr. Thrall when she heard he was retiring to remind him of their verbal agreement. She never heard anything until she received a new tax bill from the new tax collector, Mary Jane Tierney. When Ms. Tierney did not get a response, she turned it over to a marshal. Mr. Rybak stated the initial confusion was because the two properties were mixed up. The property in question is approximately one half acre and is not buildable. Attorney Rybak stated the lot only has value to the town because of the drainage. Mr.

Chiaromonte informed Ms. LaGanga that the Selectmen will ask Ms. Tierney not to reissue the tax warrant at this time and will talk to Highway Supervisor John Fredsall about the necessity to have drainage. The item will be added to the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Vinnie Wheeler regarding Everbridge statewide emergency system: Mr. Chiaromonte explained that Mr. Wheeler was out of town and could not attend. The item will be added to the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Discuss Economic Development Commission: Ms. Emery researched past commissions and said they had been looking at funding for an industrial park. She doesn't think an industrial park is necessary. Instead, she would like to help existing small businesses and keep them in town and would like to work with a real estate agent to help fill empty buildings with businesses. Ms. Emery would like businesses to have a resource available to answer questions. The Selectmen agreed to form an Economic Development Commission and will vote on names at the next meeting.

First Selectman's Report: Mr. Chiaromonte stated he wanted to discuss pending litigation. Ms. Emery moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 8:12 p.m., seconded by Mr. Criss and all were in favor. Present were: Selectmen and Attorney Rybak. Ms. Emery moved to end executive session at 8:22. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor. No action taken.

Mr. Criss reported he spoke with Trooper Nicholson regarding the Neighborhood Watch Program. Speed and Watch signs will be put up, patrols will be increased and trucking will be monitored. Mr. Criss also mentioned that parts of Scoville Hill Road are 25 mpg and other parts are 30 mph which they would like to lower.

Mr. Criss moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Ms. Emery seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by:

Melissa Santoro

Approved by:

Francis J. Chiaromonte, First Selectman

Christina Emery, Selectman

Michael Criss, Selectman

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ON 6-8-10 AT 2:29pm
ATTEST: PATRICIA K. WILLIAMSEN, TOWN CLERK