

BOARD OF SELECTMAN REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 4, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectman was held on Wednesday August 14, 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, Harwinton Ambulance Chief Bill Gordon, Charities of Hope representatives Sebastian Stevens and Richard Giannetta, Dan Gervais, Tracy Mirsky, Melissa Santoro and Waterbury Republican reporter Kari Banach

Call to Order

Mr. Chiaramonte called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms. Emery made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board of Selectman Special Meeting on July 14, 2010. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

None

New Business

Volunteer Stipend Pay Discussion

Mr. Gordon addressed the board regarding the following stipend issues. Mr. Gordon brought the issues to the attention of Emergency Services and they would also like this addressed. Currently there is no provision to withhold a stipend if a volunteer has not met their obligation to the town, for instance the fulfillment of education credits or funds owed by the individual to a town department other than taxes. The ambulance committee would also like to move the issuance of stipends to the end of August, and to have the ability to

make a budget decision to set a cap on the dollar amount of the stipends. The committee would like to meet next month to formulate a plan to address these issues. They would like to present the plan to the Board of Selectmen the month following their meeting.

Charities of Hope Collection Bins

Mr. Sebastian Stevens and Mr. Richard Giannetta made a presentation to the Board of Selectmen. They would like to place a Charities of Hope collection box on Town of Harwinton property. Charities of Hope would give the town a donation of approximately \$100.00 per month for the box. Route drivers pick up the box contents on a regular basis. Charities of Hope does have a contact person that the town can call in the event a box location needs clean up. The town would be provided with a certificate of insurance for the boxes naming the town as additional insured. Charities of Hope require a one year contract, Mr. Stevens said the contract could be negotiated and tailored to meet the town's needs. Mr. Stevens also said they would be willing to do a 90 day contract; the town could try this out and determine if the program worked. Ms. Mirsky, Ms. Santoro and Mr. Fredsall found a location for the boxes at the rear of the Library parking lot. Town Attorney Michael Rybak recommended that the Library Board and the Zoning Board be consulted for approval before the town entered into a contract for the boxes. The Board of Selectmen would like to check with the Library and Zoning Boards and then revisit this.

Performance Bond for Daniel Gervais

The Board of Selectmen and Town Attorney Michael Rybak reviewed the bond. Ms. Emery made a motion to authorize First Selectman Frank Chiaramonte to sign the bond. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor. Mr. Chiaramonte signed the bond.

Conflict of Interest Letter to Commissions

Due to a conflict between the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission it was determined that a letter was needed to address conflicts. The proposal was written by attorney Steve Byrne and stated that the Board of Selectmen would meet from time to time with all of the boards to discuss common town issues. The proposal will be given to all the boards. Mr. Criss

made a motion that the Board of Selectmen would convene a meeting with all the boards in attendance to discuss common town issues. The meeting will be held once a year. Ms. Emery seconded. All were in favor.

Discuss Membership in the Northwestern Connecticut Regional Planning Collaborative

The Board of Selectmen will extend an invitation to Jocelyn Ayers of the Northwestern Connecticut Regional Planning Collaborative to attend and address the board at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Litchfield Hills Business Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP)

The town has been awarded funds from the BEEP program for energy efficient improvements to properties located in Harwinton. Commercial and non profit entities are eligible. In an effort to inform qualified candidates the town will send out letters and post the information on their website.

Request for Refund of Property Taxes

The Board of Selectmen reviewed tax refund requests. Mr. Criss made a motion to sign the requests with the exception of those requests that needed further clarification from the tax collector. Ms. Emery seconded. All were in favor. The selectmen signed the requests.

First Selectman's Report

Ms. Santoro brought to the attention of Mr. Chiaramonte that several groups have approached the Recreation Director Suzanne Stich requesting use of the Sports Complex and Recreation Fields to host events. It has been determined that a group has to provide the town with a certificate of insurance naming the town as additional insured. If a group can not obtain a certificate of insurance then in order to use the facilities the town would have to sponsor them. Sponsorship would be determined by the Recreation Commission on a case by case basis.

At 8:11 p.m. Ms. Emery made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Attendees were First Selectman Frank Chiaramonte, Selectman Christina Emery, Selectman Michael Criss and Town Attorney Michael Rybak.

No action taken.

Ms. Emery motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Criss seconded. All were in favor.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment Mr. Criss made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Ms. Emery seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Linda Inness

Approved by: _____
Francis J. Chiamonte, First Selectman

Christina Emery, Selectman

Michael Criss, Selectman

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