

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
April 17, 2012

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Frank Chiaramonte, and Selectman Jon Truskauskas via telephone.

Attendees: Candace Jones-Pacholski, Attorney Mike Rybak, Bud Wilkinson, Vinny Wheeler, Sal Bonola, Don Truskauskas, Ted Root, Wes Seixas, and Peter Thierry.

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Chiaramonte moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 3, 2012. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

Don Truskauskas mentioned that the ambulance facility was never approved by the Zoning Commission. Mr. Criss will discuss at the next Building Committee meeting.

Appointments and Resignations

Mr. Criss presented a copy of Sabrina Janco's resignation from the Planning Commission. Matt O'Connell was suggested to replace her on the Planning Commission.

New Business

Ambulance Facility Update:

Attorney Rybak reported that he is still waiting for the insurance quote from Trinity Insurance. Drake Petroleum has stated that we are now in "overtime" since the April 15th deadline has passed. Word was received from DECD that the wording in the closing documents is acceptable. Regarding the possibility that the grant money could be used to purchase another site, Attorney Rybak stated that the state would not commit to that. It could take up to six (6) months to reapply and there would be no guarantee of approval. Mr. Criss thanked Attorney Rybak and also Jason Emery for all their time and effort on this project.

Refund of Property Taxes:

Mr. Chiaramonte moved to approve the following tax refunds. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor. \$75.38 to Mary F. Glista. \$10.39 to Andre Jankauskas. \$10.25 to Susanne G. Hom. \$219.83 to Joseph Koutrakos or Heather Egan. \$145.55 to Joseph Koutrakos or Heather Egan.

Authorize First Selectman to accept 6.61 acres of open space from Whetstone Properties, LLC pursuant to Town Meeting authorization:

Approval from the Board is required to accept the deed for the land that was approved at the Town Meeting. Mr. Chiaramonte made a motion to authorize the First Selectman

to accept 6.61 acres of open space from Whetstone Properties, LLC. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss reported that he is working on a letter with the Board of Finance regarding future volunteer stipends. The purpose of the letter is to let both volunteer fire departments and the ambulance association that there is a possibility that the stipends will be drastically reduced. The letter will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

Another letter is being drafted regarding the Legal-Other line item. This line item is budgeted for \$2,500. Mr. Criss stated that in the past, this line item has been misused and drained. The letter will be sent to all boards and commissions. From now on, anyone wishing to use this line item will need the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and Town Counsel.

Mr. Criss is looking to renew the Emergency Services Committee. Mr. Criss stated that the committee will be made up of the three (3) emergency services chiefs and four (4) taxpayers. He requested two (2) names from Mr. Chiaramonte and two (2) names from Mr. Truskauskas to serve on the committee.

Correspondence

The Selectmen reviewed the Animal Control Officer's report for March, 2012. Mr. Criss referred to a letter from Region 10 regarding upcoming budget workshops. The school has added \$105,000 to the budget in the event they choose to have all day kindergarten classes. Mr. Criss encourages everyone to attend the public meetings. The first workshop will be held May 7th in the Lewis S. Mills auditorium.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Melissa Santoro

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