

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 3, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

Attendees: Vinny Wheeler, Emergency Management Director

**Call to Order**

Mr. Chiaramonte called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Ms. Emery moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 13, 2011. Mr. Criss seconded. Approved.

**Public Participation**

None

**Appointments and Resignations**

Vinny Wheeler gave his resignation as an alternate for Planning Commission. His term expires this November. Ms. Emery moved to accept the resignation from Vinny Wheeler as an alternate for the Planning Commission. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Wheeler for his service on the commission.

**New Business**

Everbridge Grant:

Vinny Wheeler, Emergency Management Director, requested an approval for a reimbursable grant from COGCNV for the reverse 911 system in the amount of \$945.00. This year was prorated for 7 months. Mr. Wheeler advised that everything is up and running. He pointed out last month there were only 8 people signed up and as of today there are 423. He is planning to have information sent home with students in school packets as well as visiting the senior center in September to discuss the system. As a test, he is going to send out a road traffic alert due to the upcoming fair. Mr. Criss requests to know which account the money will come from prior to approving.

Set fees for audio recordings of BOS meetings:

Mr. Chiaramonte noted there has been a request to have the meetings copied to a CD and given to an individual. The CD is to be returned. Due to the time and the cost of the CD, it was suggested we place a \$5.00 charge which is comparable to other town's fees. The meetings can be emailed as long as the meeting is a certain length. Mrs. Emery suggested looking into purchasing a CD player for listening to the recordings in the office. Mr. Criss made a motion to place a \$5.00 charge per copy of the recorded BOS meetings. Mrs. Emery seconded. All in favor.

Update on August 2<sup>nd</sup> FOI meeting:

The letter received on July 31, 2011 was reviewed by the selectmen.

Ms. Emery moved to add the two following items to the agenda. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

Request for Refund of Property Tax:

Ms Emery moved to approve the following tax refunds: \$9.23 to David and Pauline Carey, \$12.86 to Beverly Schleich, \$54.49 to Phillip and Ellen Benson, and \$52.85 to Wayne and Nancy Jenkins. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

Resolution Authorizing First Selectmen to Sign Assistance Agreement with DECD for Harwinton House:

Mr. Chiaramonte stated that a Resolution Authorizing the First Selectman to sign the Assistance Agreement is required by DECD. An application and the project financing budget has been submitted. Attorney Rybak has looked over the agreement. Ms. Emery motioned to authorize the First Selectman to sign the assistance agreement with DECD for the Harwinton House. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor.

**Unfinished Business**

Mr. Criss asked if a land use meeting has been set. They agreed to have a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 21, 2011.

Mr. Criss questioned when the Lake Lot Committee was meeting. A meeting has been set for August 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Emery informed the Board about the energy agreement with Integrys. The Town currently pays \$10.57 per kilowatt hour. It will drop to \$9.54. It is a blended rate that will be effective for two (2) years starting December 2011. That is a savings of approximately \$275.00 per month.

Ms. Emery mentioned the Economic Development Committee has a new Face Book page for the town. They are working on a page that will have information on businesses within a month. It currently lists local events and articles in the news. They have 60-70 followers.

Ms. Emery noted that she received an email from The Town of Avon complimenting the upkeep of the fields by our Town Crew. There was a Little League tournament hosted by HYSA.

**Correspondence**

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged receipt of a letter from Marion B. Thierry withdrawing her property as a potential site for the Harwinton House since there are two other possible locations.

**First Selectman's Report**

None

**Adjournment**

Mr. Criss moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Ms. Emery seconded. All in favor.

Minutes Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Denton

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT HARWINTON, CT  
ON *8-5-11* AT *11:21 AM*  
ATTEST: PATRICIA K. WILLIAMSEN, TOWN CLERK