

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 19, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on February 19, 2013 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Jon Truskauskas.  
Selectman Frank Chiamonte absent.

Attendees: Bud Wilkinson

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Mr. Truskauskas moved to accept the minutes from the meeting held on February 5, 2013. Mr. Criss seconded. Motion passed.

**Public Participation**

None

**Appointments and Resignations**

None

**New Business**

Farm Ordinance

Attorney Rybak will be meeting with the Planning Commission at their next meeting scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>. He will review the Farm Ordinance with the commission at that time. The Farm Ordinance and the Board of Education Ordinance regarding elections are expected to be complete in time for the Town Meeting. The Blight Ordinance is not expected to be ready for the Town Meeting. When the Blight Ordinance is presented, Attorney Rybak suggests comments from the public.

Request for Refund of Property Tax

Mr. Truskauskas moved to accept the following tax refunds. Holly R. Dailey, \$20.05. Pickett Brook Properties, \$1,106.14. Susan Coppa, \$5.22. Henry Weingart, \$18.00. Dennis Carlson, \$25.44. Dennis or Maria Carlson, \$25.93. Mr. Criss seconded. Motion passed.

**First Selectman's Report**

Mr. Criss reported that a claim stemming from an accident that occurred two years ago has been settled by the town's insurance company. The town will receive almost enough for the cost of repairs to the town vehicle. The town was advised that it was the best deal it would get due to the other driver's poor insurance coverage.

Mr. Criss gave an update on the Food Pantry. He reported that the walls and sheetrock are up and a door installed. Mr. Criss is hoping an electrician will donate time for some electrical work. Shelves will be installed this week. The pantry will be open one day a

week for Harwinton residents. Volunteers Melissa Santoro, Brea Pinette and Brigitte Bousquet have met and discussed setting up the pantry. Mr. Criss would like to name

the food pantry after two Harwinton residents who have contributed greatly to the town through their years of volunteerism and they are Henry and Evelyn Camp.

Mr. Criss reported he just signed off on another Eagle scout project for Michael Truskauskas. Michael will be putting in some wood walkways in the wetland areas off Route 4 where the boy scouts camp and people hike.

Mr. Criss is still working on the budget. He is hoping to send the budget to the Board of Finance by the first week of March. Mr. Criss noted that many employees are willing to take cuts in order to maintain services.

Mr. Criss signed the contract between the town and Amaya Architects for the Harwinton House. Attorney Rybak reviewed and approved the contract. The Historical Society has applied for a Hiptag grant which is for the architect costs.

Update on the Red Flex bus camera system. Attorney Rybak has reviewed the contract and he has recommended changing some language in the contract. RedFlex did not inform the town that they will charge the town a fee if not enough money is generated through ticketing. That part of the contract will be omitted. The revised contract is expected in approximately one week and it will be reviewed at that time.

Mr. Criss met with the town's Recreation Department and they have decided to allow the Region 10 girls Lacrosse team use of the field ten (10) times this season (eight games for the season and two practice sessions per week). Mr. Criss wanted to clear up some misinformation in the newspaper. It was written that Harwinton refused to let them use the field but they were denied use until the fields were open. They wanted to use the fields before the Town opened them. Use of the fields is still at the discretion of the Recreation Director and the Highway Department. The town has agreed to let the youth lacrosse team use the fields also. In return, the town has asked for answers to the following- who is the professional who advised Region 10 not to use the school's lacrosse fields and what type of maintenance program do they have in place to protect the fields?

### **Correspondence**

A letter was received from the Historical Society signed by Dick Pacholski. There is a dispute between the Historical Society and the Building Committee regarding design and use of the house. Mr. Pacholski suggested that the Building Committee should focus on putting the house back together as it was. The Historical Society will occupy the second floor. If the Historical Society wants to add an addition, if space permits, they may do so when they raise enough funds. In the meantime, the building committee will consider the possibility of an addition in the future when reconstructing the house.

Correspondence regarding the Emergency Contingency Plan in the event of an emergency during elections was received from the Registrar's Office. The Selectmen will review it and discuss at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be added to the town's Emergency Plan. Mr. Criss will be meeting with the SARC (state animal response coalition) team regarding sheltering animals/livestock during an emergency. Their plan will be added to the town's plan as well.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:16. Mr. Criss seconded.

Minutes submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Santoro

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT HARWINTON CT  
ON 2/26/2013 AT 1:46 PM  
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK