

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
August 7, 2012

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, August 07, 2012 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

Attendees: Candace Jones-Pacholski, Sal Bonola, John Fredsall, Girvice Archer, Myrna Watanabe, Peter Brazaitis, Victoria Elliot, and Bud Wilkinson.

Call to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 17, 2012 with the following amendment. The fourth sentence under the heading "Emergency Services Committee" should read: The committee will study volunteer stipend benefits add any other item they see fit to discuss. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

Mr. Chiaramonte inquired as to why the time of the meeting changed. Mr. Criss stated he has other commitments after the meeting. Mr. Criss also stated that both selectmen were informed and agreed to the new time. Ms. Watanabe asked why tonight's meeting is a special meeting. She was told that anything outside the regularly scheduled meeting is considered special. In this case the time change caused the meeting to be classified as a special meeting. Mr. Chiaramonte requested a reason for any changes from the regular meeting schedule in the future.

Appointments and Resignations

Upon recommendation of the Historic District Commission, Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the appointment of Joan Cyr as an alternate to the Historic District & Historic Property Commission for the following term- August 7, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

New Business

New Plow Truck recommendation from Capital Equipment Committee:

In a letter written by John Fredsall, Highway Supervisor, to the Board of Selectmen the Capital Equipment Committee recommends the purchase of a dump truck from Marola Motor Sales of Torrington, with equipment from W.H. Rose of Columbia for a total cost of \$182,883 including extended warranties. The budget for this purchase was \$190,000. Mr. Chiaramonte moved to approve the purchase of the dump truck for \$182,883. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Review Proposal from webpage company and vote:

The Computer Company, Inc. of Cromwell submitted a quote to the town of \$5,100 to design and set up the page and \$199 monthly hosting fee. They charge extra for other services and options. Virtual Town Hall quoted a price of \$3,695 to design and set up

the page and a hosting fee of \$2,750 per year or \$229.17 per month, all inclusive. The company based in Burlington did not submit a quote to the town. Virtual's final quote is \$3,600 for design and setup fees which can be spread over three (3) years. Virtual will also do upgrades for no additional charge. Mr. Chiaramonte moved to approved Virtual Town Hall as the town's web designer and maintainer. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

First Selectman's Report

No report at this time.

Correspondence

Mr. Criss received notice from the Planning Commission regarding an Informational Meeting that will take place on Wednesday, August 8, 2012, 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall at Town Hall. The topic of discussion will be establishing a Town Center.

The Selectmen reviewed the annual report from the Fire Marshal.

Mr. Criss received a letter from Torrington Area Health regarding shopping center and Hometown Pizza.

John Fredsall with the Volunteer Benefit Committee submitted a list of goals and objectives with a request for some list of instructions from the Board of Selectmen. They are scheduled to meet in September.

A proposed budget was submitted by the 275th Anniversary Committee.

The Town has partnered with Thomaston Savings Bank to hold an outdoor movie night on August 29th at the Sports Complex, Bentley Drive. The rain date is August 30th. "An American Tail" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. The event is free to the public. HYSA will be running the concession stand. Bring chairs or blankets.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by: _____
Melissa Santoro