

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday August 21, 2018 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti, Selectman Rick Fowler (arrived late).

Attendees: Josie-Albertson Grove – Republican American; Alice Freiler-Library Director; Leslie Flowers-Library Board member

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the previous minutes. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations

None at this time.

Public Participation

The Library is here for their presentation.

New Business:

Request for Tax Refunds – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept the Tax Refunds. Mr. Criss seconded. Motion carries.

Town Meeting – Approve Call – A draft of the Call was sent to the Selectmen. There are five (5) items on it. The first item is the bid process for the Wilcox property. Items two (2), three (3) and four (4) are ordinances. The first one is an ordinance for alternate members for the Board of Finance. The next one is the Constable, SRO ordinance (including an inter-local agreement with Region 10). The last one is Emergency Service Volunteer Benefit program. The last item is the Locip projects; the BOF approved \$50,597 which included the electrical work at the barn, the paving ramp at the library, the parking lot at Bull Pond/Locust Road, the flooring at Community Hall, the handicap accessibility at the Library, Town Hall and the Senior Center, and the website upgrade to include online payments. The BOF held off on the Veterans Memorial requiring them to have public hearings. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the Call. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Library – Proposed Improvements – The Library Director, Alice Freiler, presented the need to make some changes to the Activity Room. She would like to replace the canister lights. She presented a quote to replace the current lighting, using the current tracks, with LED lighting. The current lights are not bright enough. The quote from Bell Electric is \$1,045. The Library would be responsible for buying the bulbs; 30 bulbs were estimated at \$10/ea. which would require an additional \$300 and installation. Also, in re-

gards to the permit - the Library Board did vote at their last meeting to approve this and that they would pay out of funds remaining in the Building Funds; there is enough there to cover that amount. Bell Electric is willing to apply for a permit, but would the town be willing to waive the fee? Mr. Criss said that for the municipal buildings, the town usually waives the initial fee; the only fee that doesn't get waived is the state fee. Ms. Freiler requested to have this work done as soon as possible. Ms. Freiler also asked about replacement bulbs in the years to come. Mr. Criss requested that Bell Electric give the specs to the town so that the town will have an idea of what the cost will be. Ms. Freiler also talked about the storage issue that they have at the library. The basement is currently the storage place for donated books. Highway Supervisor, John Fredsall, had suggested a shed in a space outside of the library for a storage space. Mr. Fredsall had suggested a shed to match the ones that are on the playing fields, priced at \$1,516. The shed just needs to have a zoning sign off to make sure the location meets all the requirements. Mr. Criss requested blueprints, zoning sign off and a price for the next BOS meeting on September 4th (price to include shipping costs). Then when that is done, the BOS will vote on it to bring it to the BOF. Ms. Freiler also mentioned for a future request (to be presented at a later date) a new projector and reconfiguring the closets in the library. They had gotten 3 quotes, one for about \$7,000 – the Library Board approved it. The Library Board approved \$1,500 for the cost of that from their fundraising and there is a grant application submitted already to Thomaston Savings Bank for that project. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to let the library upgrade the lights. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

First Selectman's Report – No updates at this time.

Correspondence – None at this time.

Executive Session - Legal – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. No action taken.

Adjournment – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 7:38pm. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
First Selectman's Office

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