

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday December 4, 2018 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti, Selectman Rick Fowler.

Attendees: Jackie Stoughton – Republican American.

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. Criss seconded. Mr. Brunetti abstained. Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations

A request came from the Economic Development Commission – Tom Schoenemann has agreed to serve another four (4) year term as recommended by the EDC Board. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Participation

None at this time.

New Business:

Request for Tax Refunds – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Wilcox Property – No one submitted a sealed bid for the Wilcox property. Mr. Criss consulted with Atty. Rybak about the Board of Selectmen changing the bid requirements while reserving the right to refuse bids. Mr. Criss stated that he would like to eliminate the liability and have the funds to offset the Thierry property and that he agreed with Atty. Rybak to look into adjusting the bid requirements to have the property sell but not give it away. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjust the bid requirements with the right for the Board of Selectmen to refuse bids. Mr. Fowler seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

First Selectman's Report – Mr. Criss discussed the article about the costs regarding trash removal in the Republican American and the concern of not getting the money back. It discussed the company MIRA that the town uses for recycling purposes. The plant has had significant failure. At the cog meeting it was discussed that small towns don't have the budget to cover that loss; maybe gradually increase the tip fee. The two areas that this can affect going into the budget season is: The tipping fees as well as the town's overall contribution to the trash hauling. Our estimated portion would be about \$62,000.

Correspondence – Two letters were submitted by the Tax Collectors. One letter was reflecting the authorization from the Board of Selectmen to raise the DMV administrative fee. As of November 2018

\$3,982.70 has been collected in delinquent motor vehicle taxes including the administrative fees added to the revenue collected for the town. On June 13th the tax office began the tax sale process with the Attorney that handles all of the tax sales. Three (3) properties were listed, but the 2018 payments in full were received for all the properties. The total that came in including taxes, liens and interest collected were \$17,992.82. We were able to cancel the tax auction as all payments were all caught up. The budget letters were sent out to each department. We are in the process of negotiating our outside vendor options to help reduce costs. Discussion ensued about the Solar Ad Hoc Committee.

Adjournment – Mr. Fowler made a motion to adjourn at 8:07pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
First Selectman's Office

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