

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
October 2, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

No attendees

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 18, 2012. Mr. Criss seconded. Motion passed.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

Mr. Criss read Kathy Duprey's resignation letter from the Board of Education. Mr. Criss congratulated Theresa Foley who was voted in to replace Mr. Duprey at the Town Meeting held on September 25, 2012.

The following are nominees for the Holiday Hometown Committee- Steven Criss, Rose Ponte, Wendy Mathes, Cindy Fredsall, Ted Root, Franci Tartaglino, and Barbara Buys. Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the nominees for the Holiday Hometown Committee. Mr. Criss seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Request for Refund of Property Tax:

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the following tax refunds- Roger and Judy Wasilonski, \$84.43. Inergy Propane, LLC, \$27.00. Ellen or Howard Bidwell, \$16.70. Deborah Norton, \$171.90. Thomas O'Meara, \$11.09. Andrew Grech, \$28.09. Jeffrey Grech, \$58.96. Mr. Criss seconded. Motion passed.

ProAct, Inc. Prescription Discount Pharmacy Cards:

Mr. Criss spoke about an offer available to Harwinton residents. There is no cost to the town. Attorney Rybak's opinion is the town may or may not approve the plan but he is not in favor of it. Mr. Criss noted that twenty (20) other towns have approved it. The cards will offer discounts on pharmacy prescriptions. The term is one year. At the end of the year the town can keep it or eliminate it. Mr. Truskauskas is in favor as there is no cost to the town or the taxpayers. Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the discount prescription cards. Mr. Criss seconded. Motion passed.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss stated he has heard there is an issue regarding a fundraiser and he would like to clear the matter up. During the summer, Mr. Criss attended an event and the town paid for the \$45 ticket. After attending the event, Mr. Criss realized that the event was actually a fundraiser. Upon learning this, Mr. Criss reimbursed the town \$45.00. Also, when Mr. Criss was chairman of WPCA a sample of material was sent to Town Hall. Mr. Criss returned the material but the contractor stated the material was sent back too late for a refund. Mr. Criss paid for the material himself.

Mr. Criss announced that through a joint effort the towns of Harwinton and Burlington have been awarded a \$300,000 Community Development Block Grant. Burlington will administer the program. Larry Wagner and Associates will oversee the program. The grant will allow homeowners to make necessary repairs to their homes with no interest loans. Liens are placed on the homes and when they are sold, the loan is paid off. It allows homeowners to make repairs now but pay later. The funding comes from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered at the state level by the Department of Economic and Community Development. Some of the work that may be eligible for funding includes the correction of health and safety violations, code compliance, roofing, carpentry, electrical work, painting, plumbing, heating, and other non-luxury work subject to approval of the program. A pamphlet will be available at both town halls that will explain how the program works. Mr. Criss noted that this grant was pursued because it will help residents make repairs that they cannot do without the assistance of this grant. Applications will be taken early next year. Mr. Criss thanked that town of Burlington for their help.

Mr. Criss reported that a letter has been sent to Scott Kellogg with West Side Volunteer Fire Department requesting that he attend the Emergency Volunteer Stipend Committee meetings or send a representative in his place. Mr. Criss stated that it is important that all three (3) emergency services have a say during the meetings. All meetings have been postponed until all departments are represented.

Mr. Criss reminded everyone of the fundraiser dance to be held at Community Hall on Saturday, October 13th with proceeds going to the 275th Anniversary Celebration planned for October 27th. Tickets are \$10 per person. Pins will be for sale at the Harwinton Fair this weekend.

Correspondence

The selectmen reviewed the Fire Marshal's report for September, 2012.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Criss seconded.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Santoro
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