

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
August 6, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

Attendees: Scott Onofrio and son.

Call to Order

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

Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

None

New Business

Approve Resolution authorizing First Selectman to sign agreement entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects":

The Selectmen have reviewed and approved the agreement as well as Town Attorney Michael Rybak and Highway Supervisor John Fredsall. Mr. Chiaramonte moved to approve a resolution authorizing First Selectman to sign agreement entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Status of Junk Car complaints:

Mr. Criss reported that one resident on Cemetery Road has been notified to remove unregistered vehicles and has a deadline of August 10th to remove them. If he does not cooperate our resident trooper will speak with him. Another resident on Harmony Hill Road has had unregistered vehicles on his property for years. The Selectmen will look into that and may send our trooper to speak with him also.

Mr. Truskauskas moved to add "Mailbox Policy" to the agenda. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Mailbox Policy:

Mr. Criss reported that a resident wants reimbursement for a mailbox they say was damaged in the winter by a plow requesting a tax credit or payment from the Town. To give credit on taxes for a mailbox is not possible due to state statutes. Highway Supervisor John Fredsall inspected the box. The first problem is that damages are to be reported within one week, not months later. He also determined the damage came from 30" of snow rolling off the blade. Had the plow made direct contact, it would have been very obvious. Claim is denied as snow is a hazard of

winter. Upkeep of mailboxes is the responsibility of the owners. Mr. Truskauskas moved to deny mailbox claim. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded motion. All were in favor.

Request for Refund of Property Taxes:

Mr. Chiaramonte moved to approve the following tax refunds. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor. Angelo Gargano, \$36.90. Jeffrey Lawton, \$276.38. Gregor McCluskey, \$33.03. Daniel Slevinski, \$108.48. Diane Fox, \$18.57. Eric Rahn, \$26.13. Refunds total \$499.49.

Mr. Truskauskas moved to add "Animal Control" to the agenda. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Animal Control:

Mr. Criss reported that the town has a new Animal Control Officer, Colleen Slason and a new Assistant Animal Control Officer, Thomas Mitchell. Colleen and Tom are doing a remarkable job so far. They have cleaned the dog pound, fixed lighting, painted and moved their desk to Town Hall. Both have requested that the kennel fee charge be changed to \$15 from \$10 per day. It was recommended that the Town adopt the state statutes for animal control. The Selectmen would like the information forwarded to Attorney Rybak so that he may draft an ordinance in time for a fall Town Meeting. Mr. Truskauskas moved to forward information to Attorney Rybak. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss spoke about an ordinance giving local preference to bidders. Some towns including Bristol have similar ordinances. Mr. Criss thinks it is something to think about and would like to discuss it further at a future meeting.

Mr. Criss discussed the bids for the Ambulance facility. All bids were higher than anticipated. He will be working with the DECD to see what can be done.

There will be a free movie night this Thursday, August 8th at Town Hall, weather permitting. The movie will be Madagascar 3.

Correspondence

The Selectmen reviewed the Fire Marshal's Report and the Animal Control Officer's Report for the month of July, 2013.

A letter was received from the Capital Equipment Committee recommending the purchase of the town car and pickup truck with equipment from Interstate Ford of Hartford. They also recommend the purchase of a John Deere 624 loader from W.I. Clark Co. Both purchases came in under budget.

Mr. Criss negotiated a new price for copiers with American Copier that will save \$58 per month on the Town Clerk's copier.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All in favor.