

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**October 18, 2016**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in the Selectman's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti, Selectman Nancy Schnyer

Attendees: HFD Chief Bill Buys Jr., David Skibisky

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Mr. Brunetti voted to approve. Ms. Schnyer seconded. Motion carries.

**Public Participation**

none

**Appointments and Resignations**

A motion was made by Mr. Brunetti and seconded by Ms. Schnyer to regretfully accept Paul Denton's resignation from the Conservation Commission. All were in favor.

**New Business**

**Request for Refund of Property Tax**

Ms. Schnyer moved to approve all submitted tax refunds by the tax collector. Mr. Brunetti seconded. Motion carries.

**State of Ct. EMS Plan-** Mr. Criss provided information to the board regarding the state's unfunded mandate to create a new, more in-depth, EMS plan modeled after the State's sample plan. Mr. Criss made the board aware that he is exploring a free option first with Chief Emery, however if we cannot go that route it could cost the town \$5,000.00 to comply with this new mandate. No motion needed, informational only. Mr. Criss agreed to keep the board informed as information became available.

**Budget update –** Mr. Criss provided information and a copy of the letter that was sent to all departments for the upcoming budget season. He explained that as the budgets come in he will hand them out and this will allow more time for the selectmen and the BOF to work on it. No motion needed - informational only.

**Harwinton Volunteer Fire Department-** Chief Bill Buys Jr. presented to the selectmen the need to start a capital budget and review process for air packs that are now required and far exceeding the cost that their fundraisers can cover. Mr. Criss shared that this is something he has brought up before to the BOF, with the thought that we could seed the acc't. from another capital account not used and split it between both departments and create a replacement plan. Chief Buys suggested that the already existing capital equipment committee should review the requests for those and also fire and ambulance vehicles in order to keep things more in line. A further discussion ensued and the

selectmen agreed to discuss it further during the budget process. No motion needed - informational only.

**First Selectman's Report-** Mr. Criss stated the on-going projects in town.

### **Correspondence**

Fire Marshal's report.

David Skibisky - traffic statistics on the library. Mr. Skibisky explained his deep concern over the expansion of the library, noting that how can this monumental project be proposed for our small community, when the current one we have is underutilized and no independent use study has been conducted. Mr. Criss explained that the people will decide through a referendum process if they want the expansion and the tax burden or not. All the selectmen agreed to review his report and take his concerns under advisement. A discussion ensued.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Brunetti moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., seconded by Ms. Schnyer. Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Criss

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