

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

January 3, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 in the Main Assembly Hall.

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

Attendees: Terri Christenson, Recycling Coordinator for the Town, Jackie Stoughton
Republican American

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. Mr. Criss seconded. Motion carries.

Public Participation

One Civic Action Group present.

Appointments and Resignations

One appointment request for the Blight Committee. Betsy Bosco volunteered to be part of the Blight Commission as one of the appointed. Mr. Brunetti would like to keep it on reference as some people on the party level have expressed interest. Would like to wait to vote until others have been able to review it and approve it.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – No requests for Tax Refunds.

Approval of Building Official Payments - Jeff Neumann expressed his concerns to Mr. Criss about paying him hourly. Other towns are paying 85/15%, Harwinton currently pays 50/50%. This needs to be recommended to the Board of Finance for changing it. The Board of Finance has to approve it. Mr. Neumann is recommending a 65/35% until July, which can stay the same going into the New Year for the Budget. The town would still net \$29,000 ahead in revenue. He is asking for the Selectman and the Board of Finance to consider because of the backlog to allow him to work from now until July at the 65/35%. Mr. Brunetti motioned to present it to the Board of Finance. Mr. Criss seconded to change the Building Inspector's payment from 50/50% to a 65/35% until July 1, 2017 or until a new budget is passed.

Budget- No new sheets to hand out. Mr. Criss would like to set a meeting to go through the Budget as soon as possible, but will wait for Ms. Schnyer's return.

Region 10 Civic Action Committees – A Civic Action group from Region 10 presented their project on single hauler trash pickup. The selectmen heard their presentation and asked questions. No action needed.

Executive Session – possible land acquisition – Mr. Brunetti made the motion to go into executive session at 7:30pm and Mr. Criss Seconded. Mr. Brunetti made the motion to exit executive session at 7:40pm Mr. Criss Seconded. Action: Mr. Brunetti made a motion to give Mr. Criss the power to investigate the Kaznay Property further now knowing some of the initial costs for investigation, and for testing and surveying. Mr. Brunetti also made a motion to give a recommendation to the Board of Finance not to exceed \$8,000 as recommended by the Town Engineer for initial testing and engineering costs of the use of the property. The Town is intending to use the property for Senior Housing. M. Criss seconded. Mr. Brunetti's second motion was to further investigate other recent land that may become available. Mr. Criss seconded.

First Selectman's Report- Mr. Criss is moving forward with gathering all the information for the Harwinton House. There is an investigation by the Town Attorney of breach of contract to determine what the final liability is as they are two years past the deadline, the architect is asking for \$10,400. Mr. Criss is also getting an appraisal on the Community Hall, by order of the BOF, to look at the sale of that building and it's worth. Mr. Criss is Working with DEEP, looking for a follow-up meeting to see what can be done with the Wilcox property and what their guidelines are for that, per order of the BOF.

Correspondence

Letter from Polly Redman - 29 County Line Road, the old Mitral site is looking for a zone change from light industrial to country residential. Hearing is scheduled for January 23, 2017.

Fire Marshall Report

Adjournment

Mr. Brunetti motioned to adjourn at 7:45pm and Mr. Brunetti seconded all in favor motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
Jen Minery

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