

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**

### **April 4, 2017**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in the selectmen's conference room.

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

#### **Call to Order**

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

#### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Mr. Brunetti motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Criss Seconded All were in favor. Motion carries.

#### **Appointments and Resignations**

Received a letter from the Commission on Aging. They recommended to renew Sandra Alexander's term. They are also asking that Marilyn Mitchell be added. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor. Mr. Criss wanted to make a note that Janet Burritt resigned from the Facilities Committee for Region 10. She just resigned last week and we thank her for her years of service to the community.

#### **New Business**

**Request for Tax Refunds** – Approval of all requests submitted. Mr. Brunetti motioned to approve. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

**Approval of Annual Town Call** – The Annual Town Call went through planning. 824 and was approved. However, the Board of Finance wanted to change number 9 on the Call, the Kasznay property. Number 9 now reads, 'As recommended by the Board of Finance to discuss and solicit public opinion as to purchasing from Andrew J. Kasznay, Jr. Trustee, 72.9 acres of land on Whetstone Road and Swimming Hole Road which is a portion of Assessor's Map/Block/Lot C5/03/0003 as shown on a new survey map available in the Town Clerk's Office, for \$780,000 from general funds surplus for the current fiscal year, to be used for senior housing and other municipal uses; and to authorize the Board of Selectman to enter into a contract to purchase the "Kasznay property" contingent on a survey, engineering feasibility study, approval of the purchase and appropriation by the Board of Finance, and final approval by a town meeting and referendum pursuant to C.G.C. 7-7.' Instead of it going directly to referendum, it's going to be a point of discussion much like the recommendation for the Community Hall. The goal was to try to sell 4 acres of Wilcox to offset the cost of purchasing Kasznay's property. The Board of Finance still allows the permission to sell the Wilcox property whether or not we decide to move forward in purchasing the Kasznay property. We need to determine from the State how long they will give us to sell Wilcox, get DEEP approval and then purchase a property. Ms. Schnyer motioned to approve the Call. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

**Harwinton House** – Mr. Criss asked to add to the Agenda a general release settlement agreement from Amaya Architects for the Harwinton House. Mr. Brunetti

motioned to put it on the Agenda. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Mike Rybak has reviewed it. The key part is that the copy write and all intellectual property rights thereto whether statutory, common law and any other claims arising out or related to the Harwinton House project are owned by the Town of Harwinton. They are releasing everything to us. Although they demanded \$10,000, they agreed to \$6,500. Ms. Schnyer made a motion to sign the release and close out the Harwinton House. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

**First Selectman's Report** – Mr. Criss has been in touch with Joe Fasi who is the Bonding Attorney for the Library. He is in the process of drafting the language, a deactivation clause that has to be put into the resolution. He will finalize it by the next meeting which can then be reviewed. Mr. Criss did have some questions on the health insurance. There was a resolution he had to sign to guarantee that we are funding our HAS/HRA, that was signed by Mr. Criss per One Digital, The Town's health reps., However he wanted to share with the selectmen for review. Also, the Union released the Assistant position in exchange for the Bookkeeper position. And an MOU was signed, which he shared with the selectmen.

**Correspondence**

Dog Report. Fire Marshall Report.

**Budget** – The Budget is going to public hearing on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. It will be the last time the BOF looks at the expenditure portion of the Budget. Annual Town meeting is on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the School referendum. May 16<sup>th</sup> is the Town Budget meeting. April 20<sup>th</sup> all the bids will be in for the meeting. The current budget carries no Mill Rate Increase.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Brunetti motioned to adjourn at 7:31pm. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by \_\_\_\_\_  
Jen Minery

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT HARWINTON CT  
ON 04/05/17 AT 4:57PM  
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK