

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday September 5, 2017 7:00pm**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 in the selectmen's conference room.

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

Attendees: Josie Albertson Grove – Republican American

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Criss seconded. Ms. Schnyer abstained. All were in favor. Motion carries

**Appointments and Resignations**

There was a recommendation from the Fire Marshall Bill Baldwin, for the times that they are not available they would like to Appoint Fire Marshall Diorio to help. It will not cost the Town anymore; it is the same exact rate. This is to have a backup Fire Marshall on hand in case there is not a Fire Marshall available. Marshall Diorio has come to help out in the past, so it was requested to Appoint him as a substitute Fire Marshall. Ms. Schnyer made a motion to appoint Marshall Diorio as a substitute when the other Fire Marshalls are not available. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

**Public Participation**

No participation at this time.

**New Business**

**Request for Tax Refunds** – No requests for tax refunds at this time.

**Update Harwinton House** – Mr. Criss submitted all the paperwork to Vincent Lee of the DECD, who is in the process of reviewing it. We are waiting for our final payment, then we will finalize that procedure. Ms. Schnyer asked how much of the grant money is left. Mr. Criss confirmed that there is about \$68,500 still available. Once this part of the process is finalized we can look into transferring the funds to another project. The grant doesn't expire until 2018. Mr. Lee will provide an outline of what the money can be used for if the Town is allowed to keep it. Ms. Schnyer also asked if Mr. Lee will request the money back; nothing has been mentioned about that as Mr. Criss made it clear to Mr. Lee that the money was used for what it was requested for. The Harwinton House ended up being a bigger project than originally thought.

**Executive Session** – Entering Executive Session was not necessary. Mr. Criss has been keeping it on the Agenda just in case there are any new developments for the possible land purchase. As of right now there are not any updates, still waiting for a final

letter from the State. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to table Executive Session until there is more information. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor.

**First Selectman's Report** – Mr. Criss has been staying in weekly contact with the State to get periodic updates on the State Budget. Looks like the State Budget, this year, may be headed in the direction that we had hoped and not touching our ECS funding. The State may also move away from the teacher pension idea. Mr. Criss is staying in touch to see if there needs to be a special meeting in regards to setting a new mill rate. He will continue to keep everyone updated, as this situation changes weekly.

**Correspondence** – On August 21<sup>st</sup> 2017, Mr. Criss received a letter from the Library Board of Trustees that was drafted on August 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 regarding a vote on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They took a vote that they did not want to pursue another referendum for the \$1,000,000 CT Library Construction Grant. They requested for Mr. Criss to reach out and let the State Library Commissioner, Mr. Tom Newman, know that they were not interested in pursuing it. Mr. Criss drafted and sent a letter (letter attached).

**Adjournment** – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

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

RECEIVED FOR RECORD AT HARWINTON CT  
ON 9-11-17 AT 10:15 AM  
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK