

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday June 22, 2017 7:00pm

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 in the selectmen's conference room.

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

Others in Attendance: Alice Freiler, Leslie Kelly & Father, Jackie Stoughton- Rep Am

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

Appointments and Resignations

There are four appointments. Marie Etter, the representative for Western Tourism District. Peter Brazaitis IV regular member for the Historic District. Power Boothe alternate member for the Historic District. There is a resignation and a request for an appointment from the Capital Equipment Committee – Robert Santamaria announced that he is going to be moving so he will be resigning. The Committee met and recommended Patrick Doyle to take his place. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to accept the new appointments and to accept the resignation. Ms. Schnyer Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Public Participation

None at this time.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – None this at this time.

Discuss Referendum – Neither item on the referendum passed. Bonding attorney was made aware of the results. There were no fees from the Bonding attorney. The recommendation is to put together a 5 year plan for remodeling and repairs that need to be done to the Library such as furnace issues, roofing, windows, gutters, heating and insulation. We are looking into a grant from Eversource - the Energy Efficient Grant. Mr. Criss has been in touch with Johnson Controls and their grant program. They are willing to come out and look through the Library and try to give the best options that are available. Mr. Criss also asked the Library to commit their \$110,000.00 to now repair the existing building and become partners with the Town. Ms. Freiler stated the board had not met and may have their own list of concerns. Discussion ensued.

MOU Approval for Veterans – We approved the Veteran's services this year at a public hearing of the budget and a public Town budget meeting. This is the increased Veteran's services we are offering that is a part of Southington, Bristol, Plainville,

Thomaston, Wolcott, Plymouth and Burlington that all signed on to. The cost was \$1,400. This does comply with state statute that states the need to have a Veterans liaison. This gives us a direct office for the Veterans in our community. Mr. Brunetti made a motion to approve the MOU. Ms. Schnyer Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

HRA Resolution Approval - HRA plans have to have the resolution passed by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Schnyer made a motion to approve the signing of the resolution. Mr. Brunetti Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

First Selectman's Report – Since the Library expansion is not happening, there is no longer a need for the Library Building Committee. Attorney Mike Rybak is working on finalizing the billing for the Harwinton House. There is an old abandoned highway at the end of Whetstone Road, the Town touches that property. The DEEP was upset because the Town replaced the no parking signs. DEEP called and asked if the Town was interested in opening the gate there and then extending the parking area so people can park. Mr. Criss said no because there is a parking lot that is DEEP controlled that has a new gate on it right around the corner, that is never locked and as a result seven truckloads of garbage had to be pulled out of the river. Based on the reports from the troopers and the complaints from the residents on the street, the gate will remain closed.

Correspondence – Nothing at this time.

Adjournment – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 7:28pm. Ms. Schnyer seconded. All were in favor motion carries.

Minutes submitted by _____
Jen Minery

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ON 06/26/17 AT 12:07PM
ATTEST NANCY E. ELDRIDGE TOWN CLERK