

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
January 17, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Jon Truskauskas, and Selectman Frank Chiaramonte.

Attendees: Don Truskauskas, Ted Root, Candace Jones-Pacholski, Terrance Ferrarotti, and Attorney Mike Rybak.

Call to Order

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr. Chiaramonte moved to accept the minutes from the meeting held on January 3, 2012. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Public Participation

None

Appointments and Resignations

Currently, there are no appointments or resignations. However, Mr. Criss stated the following positions need to be filled and asked if anyone would like to recommend someone, they may do so. Two people are needed for the Economic Development Commission, three (3) people are needed for newly formed Agricultural Committee, and one (1) person for the Emergency Services Committee.

New Business

A letter of proposal was received by the Tax Department requesting to charge fees for copies of certain documents in order to cover the cost of the Delinquent Motor Vehicle Tax Collection Service provided by DMV as permitted under Connecticut General Statute, Sec. 52-565a. Mr. Criss said the fees are comparable to what other surrounding towns charge. Mr. Chiaramonte moved to accept the fees proposed by the Tax Department. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Request for Tax Refunds

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the following tax refunds: \$6.86 to Edward and Patricia Bunce, \$36.43 to Keith or Elizabeth Wilcox, and \$84.11 to DCFS Trust. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Criss invited Attorney Rybak to give an update on the ambulance facility and the Harwinton House. Attorney Rybak stated that everything seems to be falling into place for a closing within thirty (30) days. A few issues need to be resolved first such as

insurance for the property, a request for an indemnification agreement to hold the town harmless as of the closing date, and then to arrange a grant closing with the State of Connecticut.

Attorney Rybak attended the meeting for the Harwinton House where they discussed the possibility of the Historical Society leasing the House from the town for \$1 per year with the Society taking over maintenance of the property. A lease will need to be drawn up and reviewed. Mr. Criss stated that if the Historic Society has a letter of intent it will enable them to pursue grants. The Society also plans to put out a Request for Proposals for a feasibility study for the location. A discussion then ensued on whether or not Bentley Drive is a road or driveway. Mr. Criss would like to see about designating it as a road for the next town meeting. Mr. Ferrarotti expressed concerns about the view from Elizabeth Drive. Mr. Truskauskas moved to have Attorney Rybak formulate a letter of intent to the Historical Society. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor. Mr. Criss mentioned he would like to schedule a Land Use/Board of Selectmen meeting for February 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Truskauskas and Mr. Chiaramonte were in agreement.

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Criss reported that he, Roger Plaskett and Dick Pacholski were invited by Debbie Watson, a teacher at Har-Bur Middle School to meet a student of hers, Theo Camara. Theo rode his bike through town taking pictures and has designed a very nice calendar of Harwinton with historic dates and wants the proceeds to go to the Harwinton House. Theo will provide the town with order forms for those wishing to purchase the calendar. Mr. Criss reported on the success of the dog fund for the dog that needed medical care. Approximately \$1,600 was raised which exceeded amount needed for the dog but all those who donated agreed to keep the money in the fund for future needs of other animals.

Correspondence

Mr. Criss received a letter from Superintendent Alan Beitman. He and Mr. Thierry will meet with Mr. Beitman regarding the school budget.

Mr. Criss received an update on the status of Bull Pond from Mr. Schoenemann. They plan on issuing an RFP for repair of the dam.

Mr. Criss reported that the Finance Board approved the purchase of the accounting software.

The Selectmen reviewed the Animal Control Officer's reports for November and December 2011.

Adjournment

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Santoro
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