

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 5, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on February 5, 2013 in the Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

Attendees: Beth Hamel, Attorney Michael Rybak, Candace Jones-Pacholski, and Bud Wilkinson.

**Call to Order**

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Mr. Chiaramonte moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 22, 2013. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

**Public Participation**

None

**Appointments and Resignations**

A letter of resignation was received from Tom Schoenemann who resigned from the Harwinton House Committee due to scheduling conflicts. Mr. Truskauskas moved to accept Tom Schoenemann's resignation from the Harwinton House Committee. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

**New Business**

Ordinances-

Attorney Rybak drafted an ordinance concerning Board of Education elections. Mr. Truskauskas moved to add the Board of Education Ordinance to the call of the next Town Meeting. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Farm Ordinance-

In a letter to First Selectman Michael Criss, Michael Orefice, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, stated that he and his committee have had the opportunity to research and discuss Right to Farm language that would be befitting to the Town of Harwinton and in keeping with Harwinton's Plan of Conservation and Development. Attorney Rybak's suggestion was to simply refer to the state statute rather than writing it verbatim. Otherwise the ordinance would have to be amended if the state changes anything in their definition. Attorney Rybak offered to meet with the Agriculture Committee in March. Mr. Truskauskas moved to table this item until the next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Review of Town Owned Property for Tax Auction-

The town acquired some property as a result of a tax auction held in November, 2011. Mr. Criss would like to sell some properties through a sealed bid auction. Attorney Rybak will check the state statutes on municipalities selling property. When the

properties are offered through a sealed bid, Attorney Rybak recommends setting a minimum. Mr. Chiaramonte made a motion to give the list of properties to the Planning Commission for 8-24's. Mr. Truskauskas seconded. All were in favor.

Request for Refund of Property Tax-

Mr. Truskauskas moved to approve the following tax refunds: \$2,789.77 to Core Logic and \$1,219.42 to Core Logic. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Possible Land Acquisition, Executive Session-

Mr. Truskauskas moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss possible land acquisition. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor. The Selectmen invited Attorney Rybak to attend. Mr. Truskauskas moved to exit executive session at 7:28 p.m. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor. No action taken.

**First Selectman's Report**

Attorney Rybak brought files for the ambulance facility containing closing documents, the entire CEA remediation report and appraisals. Mr. Criss thanked Attorney Rybak for all the work he has done for the ambulance facility.

The Selectmen agreed to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19th to go over the budget before the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the same day.

**Correspondence**

The Selectmen reviewed the Fire Marshal's report for January, 2013.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Truskauskas moved to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Mr. Chiaramonte seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Santoro

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