

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday December 15, 2020 7:00pm**

A virtual meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 via Webex.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss - Selectman Evan Brunetti - Selectman Paul Honig.

Attendees: Nancy Lyons, Marilyn Mitchell, Terri Ruot – Harwinton Congregational Church, Alice Freiler, Leslie Flowers – Harwinton Public Library

**Call Meeting to Order**

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Mr. Honig made a motion to accept the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Minutes. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**Appointments and Resignations** – Mr. Criss shared the formal letter from Sharlene Copeland, the Senior Center Director, stating that she will be retiring at the end of December, 2020. Mr. Honig made a motion to accept Sharlene Copeland's resignation. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Mr. Criss shared a request for an appointment from Daniel Granda for the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Honig made a motion to nominate Daniel Granda to the ECD. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**Public Participation –**

- **The Harwinton Congregational Church** sent a correspondence to discuss the water rights (well agreement) pertaining to the municipally-owned building known as the Community Hall. Discussion ensued. The Harwinton Congregational Church will contact an attorney to draw up a quit claim to present to the town for signature.
- **The Harwinton Public Library** discussed the State Library grant for the Library Generator. The stipulations of the grant specify that the generator is to be used for the library only; it cannot be shared with another municipal building. Discussion ensued. The Board of Selectmen will have this item on the January BOS meeting to recommend to the Board of Finance for approval to go to a town meeting. Ms. Freiler asked about having the Library hours back to fulltime. Mr. Criss agreed to resume to fulltime hours as long as it is curbside only. This schedule change will take place starting January 2021.

**New Business**

**Request for Tax Refunds** – The total Request for Tax Refunds is for \$1,359.79. Mr. Honig made a motion to approve the requested tax refunds for \$1,359.79. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**COVID19 Update** – Mr. Criss shared:

- The number of COVID-19 cases is now up to over a 100.
- An uptick averaging 3-5 new cases/week.
- The municipal buildings are being cleaned and sanitized. Regularly. ACO Tom Mitchell took the job as Facilities/Road Maintainer.
- More plexiglass shielding will be added to the library.

**First Selectman's Report** – Mr. Criss updated:

- The Veteran's Memorial has a resolution that needs to be signed by Mr. Criss to accept the STEAP grant. Mr. Brunetti made a motion pursuant to executive order 7CC.1(j) as extended by executive order 9L.1 that Mr. Criss be allowed to sign and accept the STEAP grant for the Veteran's Memorial project. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.
- There was a large legislative meeting this morning with the NWCOG. Mr. Criss attended and shared with the Board. Discussion ensued.

**Correspondence** – Nothing at this time.

**Executive Session – Personnel/Legal** – Mr. Honig made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Honig made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries. Mr. Honig made a motion to accept the union MOUs proposed by the union. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

**Adjournment** – Mr. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn at 8:07pm. Mr. Honig seconded. All in favor; Motion carries.

Minutes submitted by: First Selectman's Office

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ON 12-21-20 AT 12:30 PM  
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