

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Grange Hall  
November 5, 2014  
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: M. Walter; E. Lyman; E. Malavasi

Also Present: L. Branscombe; E. Blaschik; W. Cross; J. Dill; R. Dill; K. Staehly; L. Stuhlman;  
P. Tripputi; S. Wheeler; L. Zemienieski

1. First Selectman Walter called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 1, 2014 and Special Meeting of October 22, 2014

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2014 as written. Unanimous aye.

Mr. Malavasi noted that the meeting minutes of the October 22, 2014 meeting should reflect that it was a "Special" meeting rather than a "Regular" meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 22, 2014 as amended. Mr. Malavasi abstained from the vote and the motion passed by a majority of ayes.

4. Correspondence:
  - A. Board of Education Member Resignation: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a letter of resignation from Board of Education member William Barney. Mr. Lyman advised that Ms. Haslam, Board of Education Chairperson, had reached out to him as the Chair of the Republican Town Committee to solicit resumes of qualified individuals to fill the vacancy. He noted that she is also reaching out to the Chair of the Democratic Town Committee.
5. First Selectmen's Report
  - A. Route 82 Bridge Replacement Update: Mr. Walter reported that the work on the Route 82 bridge replacement have been completed. There was a general discussion regarding the potential impact of road changes to the Goodspeed Library. Mr. Walter also noted that he had requested the contractor use form liner stone for the bridgework; however, the DOT rejected that request.

Mr. Walter reported that the Town has held three meetings on how to deal with Ebola and other contagious diseases. He stated that the planning group is working with the Department of Health and that protocols have been established.

6. Citizen's Concerns: Ms. Dill stated she was concerned that the stop signs at the intersection of Maple and Landing Hill are remaining in place even though the Route 82 construction has been completed and informed the Selectmen that she had researched the State regulations regarding the use of stop signs. Mr. Walter advised that the decision was made to make the signs permanent based on input from citizens and the recommendation of the Town's safety groups. There was a general discussion regarding the value of and need for the signs and Mr. Walter agreed to add the topic to the Board of Selectmen's agendas for additional discussion.

In response to a question from Mr. Blaschik, Mr. Walter confirmed that Porges Road has reverted to a two-way street again now that the Route 82 construction is completed.

#### 7. Unfinished Business

- A. Blight Ordinance Discussion: There was no update on this agenda item.
- B. A.P. Gates Road/Warner Road Drainage Discussion: Mr. Walter advised that Public Works Director Lunt will analyze this issue and provide him with her recommendation.
- C. Wool Road: Mr. Walter reported that the property owner's attorney is reviewing the agreement drafted by the Town and will provide his feedback. In response to a question raised by Mr. Malavasi, Mr. Walter stated he would research how snow-plowing of the road will be handled.
- D. Emergency Communications Center Contract for Municipal Services Discussion: Mr. Walter reported that the Town's Communications team will make visits to the Valley Shore and Montville sites and do an analysis of both locations. He stated that he has sent a copy of the contract for the Montville location to the Town's attorney for review.

#### 8. New Business

- A. East Haddam Natural Hazard Mitigation Resolution: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to materials in their meeting packet related to this agenda item. He advised that the MidState Regional Planning Agency's Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by FEMA for a 5-year period. He noted that if the Town adopts the plan, it will be eligible for FEMA funding to undertake projects listed in the Plan.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to adopt the following resolution:

**THE LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**MULTI-JURISDICTION NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**  
**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**  
Town of East Haddam, Connecticut

WHEREAS, the Town of East Haddam has historically experienced severe damage from natural hazards and it continues to be vulnerable to the effects of - only those natural hazards profiled in the plan (i.e. flooding, thunderstorm, high wind, winter storms, earthquakes, and dam failure), resulting in loss of property and life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Haddam, has developed and received conditional approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its Hazard Mitigation Plan under the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, public and committee meetings were held between June 16, 2009 and December 1, 2011 regarding the development and review of the Multi-Jurisdiction Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan specifically addresses hazard mitigation strategies and Plan maintenance procedure for the Town of East Haddam; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends several hazard mitigation actions/projects that will provide mitigation for specific natural hazards that impact the Town of East Haddam, with the effect of protecting people and property from loss associated with those hazards; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Plan will make the Town of East Haddam eligible for funding to alleviate the impacts of future hazards; now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen:

1. The Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Town of East Haddam
  2. The respective officials identified in the mitigation strategy of the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended actions assigned to them;
  3. Future revisions and Plan maintenance required by 44 CFR 201.6 and FEMA are hereby adopted as a part of this resolution for a period of five (5) years from the date of this resolution.
  4. An annual report on the progress of the implementation elements of the Plan shall be presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Unanimous aye.

- B. Bid Award – Gasoline: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to materials in their meeting packets regarding East River Energy’s proposal to supply gasoline to the Town at a fixed price for the upcoming year.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to finalize prices and negotiate with East River Energy for unleaded gasoline for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, and to authorize the First Selectmen to enter into said agreement on behalf of the Town. Unanimous aye.

C. Agriculture Commission Discussion: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to materials in their meeting packets regarding applications to fill seven vacancies on the Agriculture Commission and asked them how they would like to proceed. Mr. Lyman and Mr. Malavasi stated that they want to review the information and do some research before they discuss this issue.

D. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (MFBAG, ESC): Mr. Walter noted that the Municipal Facilities Building Advisory Group met on 10/30 and discussed their membership. They made a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to change the status of two of their members. He also stated that, due to changes in the officers of the Fire Department and Ambulance Association, changes are required on the Emergency Services Committee.

#### **Municipal Facilities Building Advisory Group**

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to change the status of David Nelson from a regular member to an alternate member and to change the status of Vincent Garofalo from an alternate member to a regular member on the Municipal Facilities Building Advisory Group. Unanimous aye.

In response to a request by Mr. Malavasi, Mr. Walter agreed to schedule a walk-through of the Old Middle School.

#### **Emergency Services Committee**

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to remove Michael Cooley and Dean Anderson as members on the Emergency Services Committee. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to appoint Brian Auld and Steven Dorfman as members on the Emergency Services Committee. Unanimous aye.

E. Tax Refunds: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to one tax refund.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award a tax refund in the amount as presented.

- \$174.64 to Bryan Gilbert.
- Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: In response to a question from Mr. Staehly, Mr. Walter advised that he could get copies of the resignation letters submitted by the Agriculture Commissioners from Ms. Zemienieski.

Ms. Dill asked why all of the Agriculture Commissioners resigned and Mr. Walter stated that it was his understanding that the Commissioners hit an impasse in their discussions regarding plans for an Agriculture Center on the Harris property and many of them felt they could not move forward as a cohesive group. Ms. Stuhlman added her thoughts on why the other Ag

Commissioners resigned. Mr. Cross noted that he feels it is odd that several of the Commissioners that resigned have reapplied for positions on the future Ag Commission.

Ms. Stuhlman noted that she feels the Agriculture Commission Charge is fine as it is written and does not need to be changed. She provided her thoughts on what kinds of individuals should be part of the future Agriculture Commission.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Friends of the Harris Property is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>. It was also noted that the property has been mowed and there was a general discussion about conducting a controlled burn next spring.

There was a general discussion regarding the numerous cemeteries the Town is maintaining.

#### 10. Selectmen's Discussion

A. East Haddam Business Association Meeting (EHBA) - (January 21, 2015): Mr. Walter advised that the Business Association would like to conduct an open forum meeting with the Selectmen in January. He noted that the date of the Association's meeting conflicts with the scheduled Regular Board of Selectman's meeting and suggested the open forum meeting could be scheduled at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange and the Selectmen could begin their meeting immediately following at 8:00 p.m. The Selectmen agreed with his suggestion.

Mr. Malavasi stated that Viola Kalinowski turned 100 years old this year and he would like to present her with a Town Proclamation at the next Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Walter and Mr. Lyman agreed with his recommendation and Mr. Walter advised Mr. Malavasi to work with Ms. Zemienieski to draft the Proclamation.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary