

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Grange Hall
June 3, 2015
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: M. Walter; E. Lyman Absent: E. Malavasi
Also Present: C. Behilo; L. Branscombe; E. Blaschik; C. Mansfield; J. Moreau; S. Wheeler; L. Zemienieski

1. First Selectman Walter called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of May 20, 2015.

The Selectmen agreed to table the approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2015 until Mr. Malavasi's return.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.
5. First Selectmen's Report:
 - A. Harris Property Signage Suggestion: The Selectmen reviewed the proposed signage wording for the pavilion, street sign, and historical plaque. Mr. Walter noted the reference to the "Nathan Hale Ray" school and stated he would confirm whether or not the Ray building existed during the time covered on the historical plaque. He advised that the cost of the signs will be covered by grant funds.
6. Citizens' Concerns: There were no citizens' concerns raised at the meeting.
7. Unfinished Business
 - A. Blight Ordinance Discussion: There was no update on this agenda item.
 - B. Emergency Communications Center Contract for Municipal Services Discussion: Mr. Walter noted that the town of Montville is meeting on June 8th to discuss KX's proposal to the union.
 - C. Trowbridge Road/Middle School Property Discussion: Mr. Walter advised that he will discuss the proposal for an equal exchange of property with the Conservation Commission.
 - D. Shagbark Solar Project Virtual Net Metering Partnership Discussion: Mr. Mansfield informed the Selectmen that he discussed this proposal with Mr. Sassi and that he expects to receive a new agreement for their review this week.

8. New Business

- A. Bid Award – High School & Middle School Water Tank Repair: Mr. Mansfield advised that the High School and Middle School water tanks were inspected in 2013 and it was determined that they needed to be re-sealed. He stated that a bid was sent out in February 2014 and a total of 5 bids were received ranging from \$36,825 to \$87,430. He noted that during the bid process some of the bidders expressed concern that the specified cleaning and prep process was not adequate to prepare the tanks for a long lasting application of the final sealant.

Mr. Mansfield advised that on May 11th and 12th he and Walter Parkus (School Maintenance Supervisor) interviewed the two low bidding firms and, during the interview process, both expressed concern that the prep process, as specified in the bid, would not work for the metal tank and the metal parts in the fiberglass tank. He stated that both companies were asked to revise their bid pricing to ensure all required preparation was included in the cost and both were also asked to provide a list of references from similar tank projects.

Mr. Mansfield noted that Scholar Painting provided several references for general painting and repair but did not provide any for a similar tank project and that Tech Painting provided several references for tank projects. He stated that he contacted three of Tech Painting's references and all spoke highly of the company and the work that they performed.

Based on the references provided, documented past work of the two companies and Tech Paintings expertise in tank work similar to the scope of project, Mr. Mansfield recommended that the bid be awarded to Tech painting in the amount of \$51,550.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award the bid for the High School & Middle School Water Tank Repair to Tech Painting Co. Inc. in the amount of \$51,550.00. Unanimous aye.

- B. Bid Award – Animal Control Truck: Mr. Mansfield provided the Selectmen with information regarding the condition of the existing Animal Control vehicle and noted that the dealership is no longer willing to make repairs to the vehicle. He stated that he and Mike Olzacki reviewed the bids for a replacement vehicle, including an optional plow set-up, and recommend the Town purchase the vehicle from Columbia Ford Inc.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award the bid for a 2015 Ford F250 Pickup with 8ft Myers Snow Plow to Columbia Ford Inc. for a total amount of \$33,091.00. Unanimous aye.

- C. Blue Star Memorial Highway Discussion: Mr. Walter explained the request to install a Blue Star Marker to designate Town Street as a Blue Star Memorial Highway and presented a map showing the location on the Grange Hall/Town Hall property for the marker. He advised that the Lions Club has agreed to fund this project.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the location of the Blue

Star Marker on the Grange Hall/Town Hall property and authorize the Garden Club, led by Nancy Borge, to move forward with this project.
Unanimous aye.

- D. Gift Acceptance – Consumer Union: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to a letter from Consumer Reports’ Auto Test Division advising of two donations to the Town. Mr. Walter explained that the Consumers Union has made a monetary gift totaling \$25,000.00 on behalf of the Board of Education and the Town of East Haddam to be used as follows:

- \$15,000 to East Haddam Park & Recreation for Disc Golf Program for the Nichols Field Park
- \$10,000 to NHRMS for an indoor batting cage, netting & protective floor cover for use by the Middle School and High School baseball, softball and golf teams

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to accept a gift from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the Town of East Haddam in the amount of \$15,000 for the East Haddam Parks & Recreation Department for a Disc Golf Program for the Nichols Field Park and send acceptance of said donation to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to accept a gift from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. on behalf of the Board of Education in the amount of \$10,000 for an indoor batting cage, netting & protective floor cover for use by the Middle School and High School baseball, softball and golf teams. Unanimous aye.

Mr. Walter advised that he expected the individual groups would send a letter of thanks to the Consumers Union and he would also send a thank you note for the gifts on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

- E. Vile Resubdivision Conservation Easement and Restriction Resolution: This agenda item was tabled.

- F. Vile Resubdivision Quit-Claim Resolution: This agenda item was tabled.

- G. Tax Refunds: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s to one tax refund.

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

- \$244.91 to GMAC (Ally Financial).
- Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: In response to a question from Ms. Branscombe, Mr. Mansfield advised that the old Animal Control vehicle was a Dodge.
10. Selectmen’s Discussion: In response to a question from Mr. Lyman, Mr. Walter advised that the plans for the Bone Mill Bridge are being finalized and that he anticipates construction will be completed in the fall of 2016.

A. Neighborhood Assistance Act Public Hearing (June 10, 2015): Mr. Walter informed the Selectmen and public in attendance that a Public Hearing will take place on June 10th to review community projects that may qualify for tax credits from the 2015 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program. He advised that the Town of East Haddam (Open Space Trust Fund), Goodspeed Musicals (Energy Efficient Renovation of Factory Building and Annex), and the East Haddam Historical Society, Inc. (Historical, Educational & Cultural Heritage Preservation) are this year's Program applicants.

B. DARE Graduation (June 17, 2015): Mr. Walter notified the Selectmen and public in attendance of the June 17th DARE Graduation.

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 7:31 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary