

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Grange Hall
June 17, 2015
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present: E. Blaschik; K. Cavallo; B. Gelston; S. Jezek; P. Lacy; T. Lambert; T. Quinn; S. Wheeler; L. Zemienieski

1. First Selectman Walter called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Walter advised that he would like to amend the agenda to include item 5.B. – Shared Services Report, under the First Selectmen's Report.

Motion made by Mr. Walter seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the agenda as amended.
Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of May 20, 2015, Regular Meeting of June 3, 2015, and Special Meeting of June 10, 2015.

Motion made by Mr. Walter seconded by Mr. Malavasi to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2015. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Walter seconded by Mr. Lyman to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2015. Mr. Malavasi abstained from the vote and the motion passed by a majority of ayes.

Motion made by Mr. Walter seconded by Mr. Malavasi to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 10, 2015. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence:

- A. Letters of Support – Disc Golf: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to two letters in their meeting packets from the East Haddam Parks & Recreation Commission and the East Haddam Disc Golf Club supporting a disc golf course at Nichols Field.

Ms. Quinn thanked everyone involved for the time they put in to the disc golf project and also thanked the Selectmen for their work in support of the Old Middle School conversion project. She noted the positive impact putting the gym at the Old Middle School back in service will have on the Recreation Department programs.

5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Walter reported that all four items on the referendum passed and the next steps are to draft the charges and establish four Building Committees. He noted that the Town has been receiving applications for the Building Committees and that the members of the Advisory Committees would be invited to participate on them.

Mr. Walter also reported that Route 149 between Landing Hill Road and Moodus will be closed June 24 with a rain date of June 25 for tree work.

- A. Ethics Commission Discussion: Mr. Walter advised that a number of applicants were present at the meeting and invited them to provide information on their background and ask the Selectmen questions about the Ethics Commission.

Attorney Scott Jezek provided information on his background and asked several questions:

- Mr. Walter confirmed that the Ethics Commissioners would have the same immunity afforded to the other Town officials.
- Mr. Walter advised that he did not believe the Commission would not have a separate budget; any legal expenses would be paid out of the Town's general legal budget.
- Mr. Walter confirmed that there are no outstanding ethics complaints at this time.
- Mr. Walter advised that meetings considering ethics complaints would be held in Executive sessions and the Commission's findings from those sessions could be discussed in public meetings.

Attorney Bruce Gelston and Mr. Ted Lambert introduced themselves and provided information on their background. There was a general discussion regarding the frequency of Ethics Commission meetings and it was noted that, unless there is an ethics complaint, meetings would be infrequent.

Mr. Walter thanked all of the individuals for their attendance at the meeting and their interest in serving on the Ethics Commission. The Selectmen agreed to defer a vote on the establishment of the Ethics Commission until their July 1st meeting.

- B. Shared Services Report - June: Mr. Walter reported that Facilities Director Mansfield has taken another job and Mr. Kevin Reich is currently serving as the Town's interim Facilities Director. In response to questions from Mr. Malavasi, Mr. Walter provided information on Mr. Reich's background and confirmed that the job would be posted as soon as the job description is updated.

The Selectmen reviewed the Shared Services Report and Mr. Malavasi noted that the removal of the Elementary School's oil tank would be expensive and the Selectmen had not allocated funding for this item in the Town budget. There was a general discussion regarding how the Town would pay for this expense.

6. Citizens' Concerns: Mr. Lacy suggested the Town consider putting a crosswalk in front of the Old Town Hall to accommodate citizens who park across the street when attending events there or at the Grange. There was a general discussion regarding his suggestion.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Blight Ordinance Discussion: Mr. Walter advised that he will ask the Town Attorney to provide information on why the Town's existing Building, Zoning, Fire and Health regulations do not address blight concerns and a separate blight regulation is needed.
- B. Emergency Communications Center Contract for Municipal Services Discussion: Mr. Walter reported that the Montville Town Council rejected KX's proposal to consolidate. He advised that Valley Shore Emergency Communications, Inc. submitted a proposal to the Town on June 10th and that the affected town CEO's will meet to discuss this matter.
- C. Trowbridge Road/Middle School Property Discussion: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to an email from Mr. Smith, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, dated June 4, 2015, and noted that the Commission does not recommend the proposed exchange of land. He stated he will discuss the Conservation Commission's objections with the Town's attorney. He suggested the Selectmen conduct a site visit to the property and the Selectmen agreed to do a walk through at 4:30 p.m. on June 24th.
- D. 2015 Neighborhood Assistance Act Approvals: Mr. Walter reported that a public hearing was held on the Neighborhood Assistance Act proposals on June 10, 2015 and stated that the Town now needs to send the proposals to the State for final approval.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve and forward to the State for their approval three (3) projects requesting funding by the Neighborhood Assistance Act for 2015. Unanimous aye.

- E. Vile Resubdivision Conservation Easement and Restriction Resolution: Mr. Walter advised that the Vile resubdivision conservation easement and restriction needs to move forward to Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to adopt the following resolution to be referred to Town Meeting for approval.

RESOLVED: That in regard to a certain tract or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Clark Hill Road in the Town of East Haddam, County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut and being more particularly shown and designated as "Proposed Conservation Easement Area = 305,105 sq ft 7.00 Acres" on a certain map or plan entitled "Plan Showing Vile Resubdivision Property of Russell E. Vile Tater Hill Road and Clark Hill Road East Haddam, Connecticut Scale: 1" = 100' September 2014 Revised: February 25, 2015 Per Conditions of Approval Sheet 1A of 7 Dieter & Gardner Land Surveyors – Planners 1641 Connecticut Route 12 P.O. Box 335 Gale Ferry, CT 06335 (860) 464-7455 Fax (860) 464-5028 Email: dieter.gardner@snet.net" said map being recorded in the East Haddam Land Records, the Town hereby accepts, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24, the following:

1. A Conservation Easement and Restriction associated with said resubdivision, dated

September, 2014 Revised: February 25, 2015, the First Selectman being hereby authorized to sign said Conservation Easement and Restrictions on behalf of the Town for recording in the Land Records.

Unanimous aye.

- F. Vile Resubdivision Quit-Claim Resolution: Mr. Walter advised that the Vile resubdivision quit-claim needs to move forward to Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to adopt the following resolution to be referred to Town Meeting for approval:

RESOLVED: That the First Selectman is authorized to accept the conveyance to the Town of East Haddam from Russell E. Vile of three certain strips or parcels of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any, situated on the westerly side of Tater Hill Road and the northerly side of Clark Hill Road in the Town of East Haddam, County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, which strips or parcels of land are more particularly bounded and described as follows:

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2. A certain strip or tract of land, constituting a northerly one-half section of Clark Hill Road in the Town of East Haddam, County of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, and being more particularly shown on a certain map or plan entitled "Plan Showing Vile Subdivision Property of Russell E. Vile Tater Hill Road and Clark Hill Road East Haddam, Connecticut Scale: 1" = 40' July 2007 Revised: August 21, 2007 Revised: September 7, 2007 Revised: January 17, 2008 Revised: April 15, 2008 Revised: April 22, 2008 Dieter & Gardner Land Surveyors – Planners 1641 Connecticut Route 12 Gales Ferry, CT. 06335 (860) 464-7455 Fax (860) 464-5028 Email: dieter.gardner@snet.net" which premises is more particularly bounded and described on quit-claim deed.
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Unanimous aye.

8. New Business

- A. 2015-2016 Final Budget Discussion - (\$1,950) Board of Finance Reduction: Mr. Walter noted that the Board of Finance charged the Town with reducing its share of the budget by \$1,950. He advised that a lesser increase in health insurance premiums than projected will cover the reduction. In response to a question raised by Mr. Malavasi, Mr. Walter advised that additional savings from health insurance premiums will roll back into general funds.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to authorize a reduction to the Health Insurance budget (10551070-52800) in the amount of \$1,950.00. Unanimous aye.

- B. Call For Town Meeting: The Selectmen discussed the call to send various items to Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, Seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the following call for Town Meeting:

All electors and citizens eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut (the “Town”) are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting of the Town is to be held at the Town Meeting Hall located on Town Street in East Haddam, Connecticut on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 8:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

Item 1: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Economic Development Commission, Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the ordinance entitled “Tax and Business Incentive Program”, approved by the East Haddam Town Meeting on June 30, 2010 be amended and restated in its entirety to expand program capabilities from the original document. Said amended and restated text is on file at the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours.

Item 2: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift from the Friends of the East Haddam Free Public Library in the amount of \$2,000 for the East Haddam Free Public Library for general support (revenue account 10545-48400).

Item 3: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift from the Friends of the Rathbun Library in the amount of \$5,000 for the Rathbun Library for general support (revenue account 10545-48400).

Item 4: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to accept a gift in the amount of \$15,000 from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. for the purpose of implementing disc golf at Nichols Field Park (revenue account 33050-43000-G1501 and expense account 33055011-58820-G1501).

Item 5: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to authorize the First Selectman to execute a five-year Memorandum of Agreement with the option to renew in one (1) year periods thereafter between the Town of East Haddam and the Town of East Hampton to create a Regional Animal Control Department.

Item 6: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen to adopt the following resolution:

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Unanimous aye.

Mr. Walter thanked Ms. Zemienieski for all the work she has done organizing the Town Meeting.

- C. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (EDC, ETHICS): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to an email from Sharon Wheeler, Recording Secretary of the Economic Development Commission, noting the recommendation made for a reappointment to EDC.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to reappoint Donald Bergeron for a five-year term to expire June 30, 2020 as an alternate member on the Economic Development Commission. Unanimous aye.

As previously reported in these minutes, the Selectmen agreed to table the appointment of the Ethics Commissioners until their July 1, 2015 meeting.

- D. Volunteer of the Month: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a Volunteer of

the Month form, submitted by Mr. Dan D'Amelio, nominating Ciara Sikorski for her volunteer work at St. Bridget of Kildare Church and the Fire Department's Christmas Party and Easter Egg Hunt.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to name Ciara Sikorski as Volunteer of the Month for June 2015. Unanimous aye.

E. Tax Refunds: There were no tax refunds for consideration at the meeting.

9. Public Comment: There was no additional public comment at the meeting.

10. Selectmen's Discussion: Mr. Malavasi thanked the members of the Elementary School Building Advisory Group, the Municipal Facilities Building Advisory Group, and the Emergency Management and Fire Department for their efforts in bringing the Elementary School repairs, Town Street and Moodus Firehouse improvements, the Town-wide radio system improvements, and the conversion of the Old Middle School to a municipal office facility proposals to a successful referendum. He also thanked the Town's citizens for coming out to vote at the referendum.

In response to a question from Mr. Malavasi, Mr. Walter advised that the Town has received at least four applications for the weekend/evening police officer position.

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 8:04 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary