

Board of Selectmen  
Grange Hall  
March 16, 2016  
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: M. Walter; E. Malavasi

Selectmen Absent: S. Link

Also Present: E. Blaschik; L. Branscombe; D. Dill; E. Dill; J. Guernon; P. Tripputti; S. Wheeler;  
L. Zemienieski

1. First Selectman Walter called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of February 8, 2016, Special Meeting of February 20, 2016, Special Meeting of February 23, 2016, Special Meeting of February 24, 2016 and Regular Meeting of March 2, 2016.

The Selectmen agreed to table the approval of all minutes until there was a full quorum in attendance.

4. Correspondence: Mr. Walter advised that he had received correspondence from Gov. Malloy outlining cuts he would be recommending in the state's budget.
5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Walter reported that he continues to attend meetings at the State Capitol regarding the state's budget deficit. He advised that there is an estimated deficit of \$219-260M in the state's budget and that the Governor has proposed a 3-5% cut for all state agencies and is also talking about changes to the state pension plan.

Mr. Walter stated that he expects further reductions in state aid to towns and municipalities during the current budget cycle. In response to a question from Mr. Malavasi, he advised that he could not say when the cuts would occur or how much they might be. The Selectmen briefly discussed the PILOT program.

Mr. Walter further reported that the Town received fourteen applications for the position of Facilities Director and a panel has been interviewing the top five candidates. He stated that the panel will bring back four of the candidates for a second interview. He noted that the acting director did not apply for the position, however, Mr. Walter stated that he was very appreciative of Mr. Reich's services during the interim period.

6. Citizen's Concerns: There were no citizen's concerns discussed at the meeting.

## 7. Unfinished Business

- A. Blight Ordinance Discussion: The Selectmen agreed to table a discussion about the proposed Blight Ordinance until there was a full quorum present.
- B. East Haddam Schools Capital Improvement Project Charge Amendment Resolution: There was no update on this Agenda item.
- C. Elementary School Renovations Building Committee Charge Amendment Resolution: Mr. Walter advised that the state has not yet responded to the Town's request for feedback on proposed revisions to the Charge.

The Selectmen reviewed the Committee's proposed change to the charge and Mr. Malavasi stated that he felt that the statement "... *and footprint modification/additions...*" was too vague. There was a general discussion regarding revisions to the statement and the Selectmen agreed to add information about the current and planned square footage impacted by the modifications/additions. Mr. Guernon agreed to supply Ms. Zemienieski with the appropriate information.

## 8. New Business:

- A. Acceptance of Donation through Neighborhood Assistance Act: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a letter in their meeting packets, dated February 29, 2016, from Andrea Shaw, Account Manager of ConnectiCare, Inc. & Affiliates, advising of a donation to the Town's Open Space Trust Fund.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,618.85 from ConnectiCare, Inc., through the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program for the Open Space Trust Fund, and send acceptance to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

- B. Call for Town Meeting: The Selectmen discussed the items on the Call for 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 Hall located on Town Street in East Haddam, Connecticut on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 8:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

**Item 1:** To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,579.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2014/2015 Emergency

Management Performance Grant”, (revenue budget 10542-43000 and expense budgets 10541810-51510-\$4,000.00 and 10542070-51590-\$579.00).

**Item 2:** To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen:

RESOLVED, that the Town of East Haddam hereby agrees to exchange of a 19,674+/- square foot portion of the real property owned by the Town of East Haddam on the west side of Trowbridge Road with a street address of 73 Clark Gates Road, identified as Assessor’s Lot 59 on Map 75, for a 19,674+/- square foot portion of the real property owned by Joseph Darmanin and Mary Darmanin on the west side of Trowbridge Road, identified as Assessor’s Lot L001 on Map 82, all as more particularly shown on a map or plan entitled “Plan of Proposed Land Exchange Between Mary & Joseph Darmanin and the Town of East Haddam” prepared by Swamp Yankee Survey LLC and dated November 22, 2015, and that the First Selectman be authorized to negotiate and execute any documentation related to such exchange.

Unanimous aye.

- C. Beer & Wine Service – Grange Hall (Land Trust): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to a copy of an email in their meeting packet, dated March 1, 2016, from Pete Govert requesting the approval of serving of beer and wine for a Land Trust event at the Grange Hall.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the service of beer and wine at the Grange Hall for the “Land Trust Speaker Event” on April 8, 2016.

Unanimous aye.

- D. Beer & Wine Service – Senior Center (Community Lions): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to a copy of a letter in their meeting packet, dated March 15, 2016, from Maryjane Malavasi requesting approval of the serving of beer and wine for the 2016 Lions Charitable Foundation events at the Senior Center.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the service of beer and wine at the Senior Center by the East Haddam Community Lions Club for their East Haddam Community Lions functions for the year 2016. Unanimous aye.

- E. Volunteer of the Month: There were no Volunteer of the Month nominations for consideration at the meeting.

- F. Board/Commission/Committee Changes: There were no Board/Commission/Committee changes discussed at the meeting.

- G. Tax Refunds: There were no tax refunds considered at the meeting.

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

10. Selectmen's Discussion:

- A. Public Hearing Request – Elementary School Renovation Building Committee (March 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. – High School Auditorium): Mr. Walter advised those in attendance of this Public Hearing Request.

There was no additional Selectmen's discussion at the meeting.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Unanimous aye

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Link, Secretary