

Board of Selectmen  
Grange Hall  
June 1, 2016  
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: M. Walter; S. Link; E. Malavasi

Also Present: L. Branscombe; E. Blaschik; T. Dickinson; P. Tripputti; 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 Ms. Link seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye
3. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of April 19, 2016, Special Meeting of May 18, 2016 and Special Meeting of May 24, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 19, 2016. Ms. Link abstained from the vote and the motion passed by a majority of ayes.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 18, 2016. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Ms. Link, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to table approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 24, 2016. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a letter in their meeting packets from Robert Schuch, P.E., CPSWQ, of Schuch Engineering, LLC, dated May 12, 2016. He noted that the letter advised that the Lake Hayward Association had requested he "...assist them in their pursuit of having the Town of East Haddam accept Glimmer Glen as a Town road". Mr. Walter advised that he had forwarded the letter to Public Works Director Lunt and asked her to advise him what it would take to bring Glimmer Glen up to Town standards.
5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Walter reported that he had received a request to complete and sign-off on a partner contribution statement for the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. He noted that the organization would like to include sections of East Haddam's Open Space as matching parcels in its request for a grant to be used to "...protect and restore critical wetland habitats in coastal Connecticut...". Mr. Walter advised that there would be no cost to the Town to agree to the request.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to support the North American Wetlands Conservation grant request. Unanimous aye.

6. Citizen's Concerns: Ms. Dickinson stated that the curb Public Works installed at the parking area near the Open Space property near her home has deterred hikers from parking in the designated area and their cars are now blocking her driveway. Mr. Walter agreed to look into the issue.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Blight Ordinance Discussion: The Selectmen discussed opportunities to hold another Public Hearing on the proposed Blight Ordinance. They agreed to schedule the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on June 15, 2016, after the regular business of the Selectmen's Meeting of that date is discussed.

8. New Business:

- A. Grant Acceptance – FY 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of a letter, dated April 1, 2016, from Deputy Commissioner William Shea, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection advising that the Town had been awarded an Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Ms. Link, to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,573.50 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Service & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant", and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

- B. East Haddam Elementary School Asbestos Abatement for Boiler Replacement Grant Application Resolution: Mr. Walter stated that the State Board of Education informed the Finance Director that the Town must submit a Resolution stating the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Board of Education to file a grant application.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the East Haddam Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the asbestos abatement in conjunction with a boiler replacement project at the East Haddam Elementary School. Unanimous aye.

- C. East Haddam Elementary School Roof Replacement Grant Application Resolution: Mr. Walter stated that the State Board of Education informed the Finance Director that the Town must submit a Resolution stating the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Board of Education to file a grant application.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the East Haddam Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the roof replacement project at the East Haddam Elementary School. Unanimous aye.

- D. Request for Wine Service at Rathbun Library Event: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to an email in the meeting packets, dated May 26, 2016, from Michael Gilroy, Library Director, requesting permission to serve wine at the Rathbun Library for a "Volunteer Reception" on June 9, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve wine service at the Rathbun Library for a "Volunteer Reception" on June 9, 2016. Unanimous aye.

- E. Volunteer of the Month Nomination (October, 2015): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to an email in the meeting packets, dated May 23, 2016, from Ms. Patty Stricker, nominating Helen Charov as a Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Stricker noted that Ms. Charov, "...saw a need for more science, technology and engineering in our schools [and has] volunteered countless hours for the students of Nathan Hale Ray Middle and High school along with thousands of students throughout the state with the Connecticut Invention Convention and now with the National Invention Convention". Ms. Stricker further stated that, "*Her guidance, support and dedication to our youth is immeasurable.*"

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to name Helen Charov as volunteer of the month for October 2015. Unanimous aye.

- F. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (COA, WPCA): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to an email in their meeting packets, dated May 28, 2016, from Jo Golec advising of recommendations for reappointments to the Commission on Aging.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Ms. Link, to reappoint Jo Golec and Victoria Riley-Pach as regular members for three-year terms to expire June 30, 2019 and Suzanne Bostelman and Mary Ellen Klinck as alternate members for one-year terms to expire June 30, 2017 on the Commission on Aging. Unanimous Aye.

Mr. Walter noted that James O'Brien does not wish reappointment to the Commission on Aging at the end of his term on June 30, 2016.

Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of a letter, dated May 31, 2016, from Water Pollution Authority Chairman Lord, advising of the Authority's recommendation for a reappointment.

Motion made by, Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to reappoint Arthur Merrow as a regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority for a five-year term to expire June 30, 2020. Unanimous aye.

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. Neighborhood Assistance Act Public Hearing (June 8, 2016): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to copies of applications in their meeting packets that were submitted for Neighborhood Assistance Act Program 2016 donor tax credits. He advised a Public Hearing to review the applications would be conducted at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on June 8, 2016.

B. DARE Graduation (June 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.): Mr. Walter extended an invitation to all present to the June 8<sup>th</sup> DARE Graduation.

The Selectmen discussed scheduling a Public Hearing on the Ordinance Codification project. Mr. Walter agreed to schedule a Special Board of Selectmen's meeting in his office at 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2016, to refresh the Selectmen on the changes that have been made to the Ordinance Book prior to scheduling the Public Hearing. Possible date for the Public Hearing would be June 22, 2016.

Mr. Malavasi reported that East Haddam has one open position on the Cable Advisory Board.

Mr. Malavasi and Ms. Link advised that they would not be available to attend the July 6, 2016 Board of Selectmen's meeting and the Selectmen agreed to cancel that meeting.

In response to a question raised by Mr. Malavasi, Mr. Walter advised that he had received the updated Shagbark Solar Farm contract today and that Attorney Jezek needs to approve the most recent changes. It was noted by the Selectmen that the Town is not holding up the finalization of the contract.

In response to an inquiries from Ms. Link, Mr. Walter reported the following:

- Eversource recently advised him that they want to upgrade their equipment beneath O'Connell Road Extension which will delay the paving. He stated that he will follow-up with Eversource for more specifics on June 2, 2016;
- The East Haddam Newspaper is aware of the mix-up in one of the Town's public notices and will "make it right".

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Link, seconded by Ms. Link to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Unanimous aye

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Link, Secretary