

Board of Selectmen
Grange Hall
September 21, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: E. Lyman; S. Link; E. Malavasi

Also Present: E. Blaschik; L. Branscombe; W. Cross; C. Dickinson; T. Dickinson; B. Manfull; I. Manfull; C. Read; P. Tripputi; S. Wheeler; L. Zemienieski

1. First Selectman Lyman 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: Mr. Lyman advised that item 8.D. Rathbun Library - Wine Service Approval, would be added to the agenda.

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

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 7, 2016

Mr. Lyman and Mr. Malavasi requested the following revisions be made to the minutes:

- Page 2, 4th bullet point (2nd sentence) - change "LANS" to "servers".
- Page 2, Item 8.A. (2nd sentence) – change "was recently" to "is about to be"
- Page 3, Item 8.B. (2nd paragraph) – Revise the 1st sentence to read: "*Mr. Lyman reviewed expenses incurred by the Town on the project, which totaled \$12, 191.50 to date, and provided Mr. Malavasi with documentation of same.*"

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2016 as amended. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence discussed under this agenda item.
5. First Selectmen's Report

A. Eagle Scout Presentation – Isaac Manfull: Mr. Lyman introduced Eagle Scout Manfull who distributed information on his planned Eagle Scout project. Mr. Manfull advised that he will construct a gazebo near the playground at Nichols Field. He stated he will build benches in the gazebo and install a gravel path leading up to it. He noted the approximate cost of the project is \$2,900.00 and he will fundraise to cover the cost of the project.

Mr. Manfull noted that the project has been approved by Troop 22 and endorsed by the East Haddam Parks and Recreation Director. He stated that he plans on breaking ground in late March, after the ground thaws, and hopes to be finished by mid-to late-April. Eagle Scout Manfull responded to several questions from the Selectmen.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve Eagle Scout Manfull's Nichols Field gazebo project. Unanimous aye.

- B. Shared Services Report – September: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to the September 2016 Shared Services Report in their meeting packets and reviewed several items on the report. In response to a question raised by Ms. Link, Mr. Lyman advised that the Public Works department generally does one-pass a season on mowing the high brush along the sides of the Town's roads. He noted that if there is a particularly problematic area, any citizen can call the Public Works department and request that the area be mowed again.

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

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Shagbark Solar Project Discussion: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to a document in their meeting packets outlining the legal expenses the Town has incurred for the Shagbark Virtual Net Metering Project, which total \$13,394.00 to date. He also advised that there is no provision in the Town's current budget for net metering benefits. In response to questions from the Selectmen, he stated that Shagbark expects to finalize the paperwork for the project's financing shortly and that their contract stipulates the project must be completed by June 10, 2017.

Ms. Zemienieski advised that she has not yet received information from the Building Official Jerry Russ regarding the expenses incurred by the Building Department on the Shagbark solar project.

8. New Business:

- A. Grange Hall – Beer & Wine Service Approval: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to an email in their meeting packets, dated May 27, 2016, from Patrick Murray, President of the Moodus Drum & Fife Corps, requesting permission to serve beer and wine at their annual Muster on October 14 and 15, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the serving of beer and wine at the Grange Hall for the "Moodus Drum & Fife Muster" on October 14 and 15, 2016. Unanimous aye.

- B. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (CONS): Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to an email in their meeting packets, dated September 8, 2016, from Rob Smith, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, recommending reappointments of all members whose terms had expired.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to reappoint Paul Sienna, Charlotte Gelston and Marilyn Gleeson for two-year terms as regular members to expire

June 30, 2018 and Joseph Zaid for a two-year term as an alternate member to expire June 30, 2018 of the Conservation Commission. Unanimous aye.

C. Tax Refunds: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to three tax refunds.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to award tax refunds in the amounts presented.

- \$214.25 to Honda Lease Trust,
- \$460.86 to Acar Leasing Limited, and
- \$191.57 to Honda Lease Trust.

Unanimous aye.

D. Rathbun Library – Wine Service Approval: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to an email from Michael Gilroy, dated September 21, 2016, in their meeting packets. He advised that the Art League is hosting an artists' reception on September 23rd and would like to serve wine.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve wine service at the Rathbun Library for an "Artists' Reception" on September 23, 2016. Unanimous aye.

Mr. Lyman reported that he had received correspondence from the Leo's advising that they would like to have a small petting zoo at their next event and that he had authorized same.

9. Public Comment: The following public comments were made at the meeting:

- In response to an inquiry from Ms. Branscombe, Mr. Lyman rescinded his statement regarding the Leo's request and stated that he would bring it up under Selectmen's Discussion.
- Ms. Dickinson noted that Mr. Lyman had been at the Gateway Commission's meetings when the Goodspeed Airport's scenic easement application had been discussed as well as Mr. Thomas and she didn't feel Mr. Thomas should be held to a higher standard than Mr. Lyman. Mr. Lyman advised that he and Mr. Thomas had discussed the issue. He also reviewed the history of the airport property floodings for Ms. Dickinson.
- Ms. Dickinson advised that she had received information contrary to Mr. Lyman's regarding the billing of paramedic services under the new contract with Middlesex Hospital. There was a general discussion and Ms. Link recommended the discussion be tabled so that the Selectmen could provide Ms. Dickinson with an explanation in writing.
- Ms. Branscombe asked if Medicare recipients who did not carry supplemental insurance will be billed for paramedic services under the new contract with Middlesex Hospital and the Selectmen agreed to respond to her question after further research could be done.
- In response to a question raised by Mr. Blaschik, Mr. Lyman reported that all agreements for paving Rolling Hills Road are in place, that the work was scheduled to start on

October 17th and will be completed at the end of October. He advised that he does not believe that there is any recourse for recouping any of the expense from the previous owner of the sub-division.

- In response to a question raised by Mr. Blaschik, Ms. Link advised that she does not believe that the Selectmen were successful in adding language to the Shagbark Net Metering contract for Shagbark's agreement to reimburse the Town for its legal expenses related to the solar project.

10. Selectmen's Discussion: Mr. Lyman reported that he had received correspondence from the Leo's advising that they would like to have a small petting zoo at their next event and that he had authorized same.

- A. East Haddam Library System Open House (September 24, 2016): Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's and attendees' attention to the Library's Open House.
- B. NHRHS NEASC Visiting Committee Orientation and Reception (September 25, 2016): Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to the NHRHS NEASC Visiting Committee's orientation and reception date.
- C. East Haddam News First Year Anniversary Celebration (September 30, 2016): Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to the newspaper's 1st anniversary celebration at Fox Hopyard.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Unanimous aye

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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Link, Secretary