

Board of Selectmen
Grange Hall
November 2, 2016
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: E. Lyman; E. Malavasi Absent: S. Link
Also Present: E. Blaschik; W. Cross; D. Dill; E. Dill; C. Gelston; T. Gelston; R. Smith; S. Wheeler; L. Zemienieski

1. First Selectman Lyman 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. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 5, 2016 and Regular Meeting of October 19, 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2016 as written. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to table approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2016. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.

5. First Selectmen's Report

- A. Unsolicited Newspaper Deliveries: Mr. Lyman reported that he has been researching the problem of unsolicited weekly newspaper deliveries and stated that he feels tossing the paper in Town residents' driveways constitutes "littering". He noted that a number of area towns have also expressed concern about the unsolicited deliveries but none have been successful in stopping the deliveries. He advised that he has raised the issue to the RiverCOG members and hopes they will work toward a solution. Mr. Malavasi agreed that the newspapers are a nuisance.
6. Citizen's Concerns: In response to a concern raised by Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyman advised that he had inspected the area he pointed out on Shanaghan Road and agrees that it is a dangerous situation. He stated that he has a meeting scheduled with a representative from Eversource on November 7th to discuss the problems. He further noted that he is considering gating the upper and lower access road to that property.

In response to a question raised by Mr. Cross, Mr. Lyman stated that he will look into the possibility of delivering the unsolicited weekly newspapers upon request only.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Shagbark Solar Project Discussion: Mr. Lyman stated that he had no new update on this agenda item. Mr. Malavasi advised that it was reported in the October 11th Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes that Shagbark had gotten an extension to April, 2017 and Mr. Lyman noted that the deadline for the project to be up and running is June 10, 2017.

8. New Business:

- A. 2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant Resolution: Mr. Lyman advised that the Town applies for this grant each year and that it requires an authorizing resolution from the Board of Selectmen for the chief executive officer to sign the application. He noted that, since there was a change in the Town's chief executive officer, a new certified resolution must be submitted.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Emmett J. Lyman, as First Selectman of the Town of East Haddam is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Haddam and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

Unanimous aye.

- B. Bid Award – Winter Sand for Snow and Ice Control: Mr. Lyman called Mr. Malavasi's attention to a recommendation, in their meeting packets from Public Works Director Lunt, dated October 31, 2016 regarding the bids for winter sand for snow and ice control.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to award the bid for the purchase of Sand for Snow and Ice Control to James Carlson Excavating in the amount of \$14.60/cubic yard and to further authorize the Public Works Department to order sand from the next low bidder, Baldi Stone & Gravel, in the amount of \$14.60/cubic yard if for any reason James Carlson Excavating was unable to fulfill the bid requirements. Both awards are subject to documentation that the sand is in compliance with the Town's specifications and that the insurance requirements for the award are satisfied. Unanimous aye.

- C. Fee Schedule for Contracted Snow Plowing: Mr. Lyman called Mr. Malavasi's attention to a memo in their meeting packets from Public Works Director Lunt, dated November 2, 2016 regarding her summary of the rates she received for snow plowing this winter and her recommendation.

Mr. Lyman explained that this was the process used to set the fee schedule for different size trucks for contracted snow removal. He noted that if we use contractors other than the ones who submitted prices, they would be paid at the set rates.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Director and set the snow plowing rates as follows: Up to 10,000 GVW without sander - \$125.00 per hour; between 10,000 and 25,999 GVW without sander - \$125.00 per hour; between 10,000 and 25,999 GVW with sander - \$140.00 per hour, and 26,000 and over GVW with or without sander – no award.

In response to questions raised by Mr. Malavasi, Mr. Lyman confirmed that the contracted trucks do the "specialty" plowing such as the Town's smaller roads and that he believes no award was made for trucks of 26,000+ GVW because Public Works has no need for plow trucks of that size.

Unanimous aye.

- D. Board/Commission/Committee Changes: There were no Board/Commission/Committee changes discussed at the meeting.
- E. Tax Refunds: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to three tax refunds.

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

- \$268.21 to Enterprise FM Trust,
- \$ 64.05 to Nissan Infiniti LT, and
- \$252.57 to Financial Service Veh Trust.

Unanimous aye.

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

- Ms. Gelston inquired about the status of Shagbark's tax abatement for its solar project and there was a general discussion regarding the taxation of solar panels. Tax Collector Dill advised that solar panels are not assessed as personal property; however, the structure for a large array would be taxed.
- In response to a question from Mr. Gelston, Mr. Lyman advised that the Municipal Office Building Committee has selected a contractor for their project; that demolition of the Ray Building will begin in January, and that construction should start next spring. He advised that the work is scheduled to be completed next November, that the Building Committee

meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, and that the meetings are open to the public.

10. Selectmen's Discussion: Mr. Lyman stated that a CPR and Defibrillator class is tentatively scheduled for November 19th at Firehouse #1 and is open to the public.

A. 2017 Board of Selectmen Meetings: Mr. Lyman called Mr. Malavasi's attention to the proposed 2017 Board of Selectmen Meetings schedule in their meeting packets. He asked him to review the schedule and to be prepared to vote on it at their next regular meeting.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Unanimous aye

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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Link, Secretary