

Board of Selectmen
Grange Hall
February 1, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: E. Lyman; S. Link Absent: E. Malavasi
Also Present: E. Blaschik; C. Brownell; C. Dickinson; T. Dickinson; R. Dill; T. Gelston; J. Moreau; K. O'Boyle; C. Riling; 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: Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 18, 2017.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to postpone approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2017. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.
5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Lyman reported on the following items:
 - A walk-thru of the Old Middle School was held for contractors on Monday (January 30) which was well attended. He stated Phase I bid are due on February 9th.
 - Shagbark has all its approvals in place and is ready to start work on its solar project.
 - He talked with Atty. Hudson who advised that he believes Mr. Mellon prefers the state to maintain the Goodspeed Airport Scenic Easement. He called Ms. Link's attention to a letter from the Connecticut River Gateway Commission, dated January 23, 2017, regarding the changes made to Mr. Mellon's scenic easement application in response to requests made by the Town.

6. Citizen's Concerns:

In response to a concern raised by Ms. O'Boyle, Mr. Lyman advised that the state has cut funding to the Community Renewal Team (CRT) which manages the elderly nutrition programs. He advised that Mr. Parker is looking into alternative funding sources that will allow the Senior Center to maintain their previous lunch schedule and price. He noted that the Meals on Wheels program funding had also been reduced.

In response to a concern raised by Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Lyman advised that approximately \$18,000.00 was cut from the elderly nutrition program and reiterated that Mr. Parker is exploring all options available to replace the cut funds.

In response to a concern regarding improving communication raised by Ms. Riling and Ms. O'Boyle, Mr. Lyman stated that he would work with Mr. Parker about get the word out regarding the changes to the elderly nutrition program at the Senior Center. Mr. Riling also expressed concern that comments she made at the January 4th meeting were not included in the minutes from that meeting.

7. Unfinished Business:

- A. Shagbark Solar Project Discussion: Mr. Lyman reiterated that Shagbark has the funding and approvals for its solar project in place and they expect it to be up and running by June 10, 2017.
- B. Goodspeed Airport Scenic Easement: Mr. Lyman noted that he had addressed this agenda item under the First Selectmen's Report. (His comments are reported on above under that agenda item.)

8. New Business:

- A. Grant Acceptance – Senior Bus Grant: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to an agreement their meeting packets from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, concerning a grant for a wheelchair accessible senior bus. In response to questions raised by Ms. Link, he noted the grant has been awarded and will not be cut by the state. He also advised that the Town must provide 20% matching funds and that amount would be funded through the Senior Transportation Fund.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to recommend to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a Wheelchair-Accessible Motor Vehicle for Elderly and/or Disabled Persons Transportation Programs Grant in the amount not to exceed \$55,200 is hereby accepted upon the terms and conditions set forth in an Agreement between the Town of East Haddam and the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, and the First Selectman, Emmett J. Lyman, is authorized to negotiate and execute all necessary agreement/contract documents on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut, and is authorized to affix the corporate seal of the municipality. Unanimous aye.

- B. Cemetery Committee Discussion: Mr. Lyman stated that he would like to wait until all Selectmen are in attendance to discuss this agenda item

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to postpone the discussion of the Cemetery Committee until all Selectmen are in attendance. Unanimous aye.

- C. Solid Waste Facility Ordinance Amendment Discussion: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to a letter from Randy Dill, dated January 24, 2017, regarding this agenda item. He stated that he would like to wait until all Selectmen are in attendance to discuss this agenda item.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to postpone the discussion of the Solid Waste Facility Ordinance Amendment until all Selectmen are in attendance.
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 four tax refunds.

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

- \$802.70 to Melissa Alaniz,
- \$ 97.48 to William & Rosemarie Evans,
- \$ 36.94 to Scott Liska, and
- \$545.82 to Honda Lease Trust.

Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment:

In response to a comment from Mr. Dill, Mr. Lyman advised that he will read Mr. Dill's January 24th letter regarding the Solid Waste Facility Ordinance Amendment into the meeting minutes of the meeting in which the issue is discussed.

In response to a question raised by Ms. Riling, Mr. Lyman reviewed the maintenance expectations for scenic easement properties and noted that there is generally very little expense involved since the property is typically being held as open space.

In response to a question raised by Mr. Gelston, Mr. Lyman advised that the older Senior Center bus is a 2000 vehicle and that the Town has not yet determined its method of disposal once it is replaced.

Ms. O'Boyle commented that she feels full and regular communication is one of the best tools an organization can use to avoid rumors and confusion.

10. Selectmen's Discussion: Mr. Lyman noted that the Board of Selectmen's budget workshops are scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2017 and Monday, February 13, 2017.

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 7:24 p.m. Unanimous aye

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Respectfully submitted,
Susan Link, Secretary