

Board of Selectmen  
Grange Hall  
July 19, 2017  
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present: K. Barrows; A. Blaschik; E. Blaschik; K. Blaschik; Tanya Bourgoin; L. Branscombe; C. Brownell; K. Budnick; C. Dickinson; T. Dickinson; C. Gelston; K. O'Boyle; B. Parker; C. Riling; K. Staehly; J. Ventres; S. Wheeler; L. Zemienieski, and other members of the public

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 June 21, 2017 and Special Meeting of June 27, 2017

Regular Meeting of June 21, 2017: Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2017 as written. Unanimous aye.

Special Meeting of June 27, 2017: Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 27, 2017 as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence

A. Bright Ideas Grant Press Release: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to a press release in their meeting packets related to Eversource's Bright Ideas Grant which was discussed at the June 21<sup>st</sup> Selectmen's meeting. He noted that the press release will be published in the July 20<sup>th</sup> East Haddam News and the first forty applicants will receive a grant for a free in-home energy audit with on-the-spot home energy improvements.

Mr. Lyman also advised that he had been notified that the Coast Guard has agreed to reduce the summer openings of the swing bridge to hourly rather than every half-hour. He noted that the change will take effect beginning August 17<sup>th</sup>. He responded to several questions from the Selectmen and advised that the opening schedule will be modified during the planned construction work on the bridge.

5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Lyman reported the following:

- The Osprey chicks nesting on the swing bridge are starting to fly.
- He reviewed the details of the George Comer celebratory event which will be held on September 13, 15 and 16.
- The sale of Johnsonville happened very quickly. He stated he has researched Iglesia Ni Cristo, the church that purchased the property, and he is optimistic that they will be good stewards of the

property and neighbors. He noted that the church is currently being assessed full property taxes. Mr. Ventres advised that church representatives have scheduled a meeting with him.

- Mr. Lyman asked Mr. Parker to review the research he had done on the town of Bethlehem's rental of its senior center. Mr. Parker reported that the person he spoke with from the town of Bethlehem advised him that they do not have a senior center and the only building they rent to the public is Memorial Hall. Mr. Parker advised that Memorial Hall seats approximately 250 people and he was informed that income from rentals do not cover the salary for the building manager. He noted that there was some confusion when he started his research and, consequently, he first contacted the town of Bethel who informed him that their senior center is in the municipal office building and that they do not rent town space to outside groups.
- Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of a letter he had received from CIRMA, dated July 17, 2017, advising that their overall claims experience was such last year that it allowed them to present East Haddam with a Members' Equity Distribution check for \$23,404.00. Mr. Lyman stated that the check would be divided between the Board of Education (51%) and the Town of East Haddam (49%). He advised that the split is based on the percentage of premium paid by the Board of Ed and the Town.

#### 6. Citizens' Concerns:

The following additional citizen's concerns were raised:

- In response to a question raised by Ms. Riling, Mr. Ventres advised that there are two small Septic systems on the Johnsonville property that are not currently regulated by the Department of Health. He noted that systems over 5000 gallons are regulated by DEEP and the WPCA.
- In response to a question raised by Ms. Barrows, Mr. Ventres advised that, depending on Iglesia Ni Cristo's proposed use of the Johnsonville property, the Historic District Commission may be involved.

#### 7. Unfinished Business

- A. Shagbark Solar Project Discussion: Mr. Lyman reported that the solar project is moving forward and there have been no additional charges to the Town. He noted that an event celebrating bringing the system on-line is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Solid Waste Facility Ordinance Amendment Discussion: Mr. Lyman reported that he has done extensive research on the Transfer Station and will make a presentation to the Board next month.
- C. Senior Center Usage Discussion: Mr. Lyman advised that the Commission on Aging's next meeting is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> and he expects to get a report from them after that meeting.

#### 8. New Business

- A. Grant Application – 2018 Historic Document Preservation Grant: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to materials in their meeting packets from the CT State Library regarding a Historic Documents Preservation Grant. He noted that the Town applies for this grant every year.

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

RESOLVED, that a grant in the amount of \$4,000.00 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation; and that Emmett J. Lyman, First Selectmen, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Ms. Link inquired about the grant application approval form developed by the Board of Finance, and Ms. Zemienieski stated she would forward her a copy of the completed form for this grant. It was also confirmed that there is no match requirement with this grant. Unanimous aye.

- B. Bid Award – Surplus Bid: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen’s attention to the Surplus Vehicles and Equipment Bid spreadsheet in their meeting packets. He advised that the sale of surplus equipment had resulted in total revenue of \$20,797.78 for the Town. He noted that the successful bidders are required to certify that they are purchasing the equipment “as is”.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to award the bids for the Surplus Vehicles and Equipment as presented. (The award list is included with these minutes.)

In response to a question from Mr. Malavasi, Mr. Lyman advised that the ambulance being sold belongs to the Ambulance Association and that it was included on the Surplus Equipment List as a courtesy to them. He confirmed that at such time as the Town-owned ambulance is sold, the Town will benefit from the revenue raised from its sale. Unanimous aye.

- C. State Police Contract Resident Trooper: Mr. Lyman reported that the Town has received a contract from the CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for two years for the services of a Resident State Trooper. He noted that, the State has not yet determined the chargeback percentage for this service, which could be as high as 100%, and the contract does have a cancellation option should town funding be unavailable.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, that Emmett J. Lyman, the First Selectman be and herewith is authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police for the services of one (1) Resident State Trooper for a two-year period from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

There was a brief discussion regarding the chargeback percentage and the ability of the State Police to call Resident State Troopers in for temporary duty out-of-town. Mr. Lyman noted that municipalities do not have the leverage to negotiate the terms of the state contracts. Unanimous aye.

- D. Beer & Wine Service Approval – Fire Department: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen’s attention to an email from Fire Chief Brian Auld, dated June 23, 2017, in their meeting packets. He advised that the Fire Department is hosting a “Wet Down” for the refurbished tanker truck and a new tanker truck and they would like to serve beer and wine at the event.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve beer and wine service at the Fire Department for their “Wet Down” event on August 19, 2017.

In response to a question from Mr. Malavasi, Mr. Lyman confirmed that the Fire Department is covered under the Town's insurance policy. Unanimous aye.

- E. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (IWWC): Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to letters in their meeting packets from IWWC Chairman Dill, dated June 20, 2017, advising of Commissioner reappointments to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to reappoint Bryan Goff, Daniel Jahne and Mary Augustiny as regular members on the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission for two-year terms to expire July 1, 2019. Unanimous aye.

- F. Tax Refunds: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to one tax refund.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to award a tax refund in the amount as presented.

- \$233.36 to Hyundai Lease Titling Trust.

Unanimous aye.

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

- In response to a comment made by Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Lyman advised that the Chairman of the Agriculture Commission has not submitted a recommendation to remove any member(s) from the Commission and, therefore, it was not on the Selectmen's agenda for discussion.
- Mr. Dickinson stated that pulling Resident State Troopers from a municipality for out-of-town duty is used as a last resort and may only occur once or twice a year.
- In response to a question raised by Ms. Blaschik, Mr. Lyman advised that if a Resident State Trooper is taken from a municipality for extended duty that requires s/he be replaced in the town, the municipality is only charged for the officer performing the duties of the Resident State Trooper.
- Ms. Riling thanked Mr. Lyman for the research he is doing on the Transfer Station.
- Ms. Branscombe followed up on Ms. Dickinson's earlier comment and Mr. Lyman reiterated that, since the Agriculture Commission Chairman had not forwarded any recommendation, the item was not added to this meeting's agenda for discussion.

10. Selectmen's Discussion

- A. Budget Referendum – July 25, 2017 (6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.): Mr. Lyman reminded the Selectmen and public of the date of the new budget referendum. In response to a question raised by Ms. Link, Mr. Lyman confirmed that absentee ballots are available.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Malavasi, seconded by Ms. Link, to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Link, Secretary

### Surplus Vehicles and Equipment Bid

Description	Bid Amount	Winner
1. 2005 International 7400 Dump Truck	\$7,512.00	Antony Bongiovanni
2. 2006 Dodge Caravan	\$ 257.50	Todd Warzecho
3. 1992 John Deere 444E Payloader	\$8,727.27	Gary Kaszowski
4. 10' Viking Snow Plow	\$ 581.00	Collision Clinic
5. 11' Tenco Plow	\$ 581.00	Collision Clinic
6. 11' Braun Snow Plow	\$ 859.51	Todd Warzecho
7. 9' Fisher Minote Mount Snow Plow	\$ 300.00	Jason Morin
8. Wheel Chair Lift Bruno Model ASL-215	\$ 57.00	Todd Warzecho
9. HTC Tailgate Conveyor Model 1200	\$ 106.00	Rudolph Dill
10. 10' Everest Mold Board	\$ 50.00	Collision Clinic
11. Stihl Quik Cut Saw	\$ 212.50	Todd Warzecho
12. 30 yard Closed Dumpster	\$ 501.00	Collision Clinic
13. 30 gallon Lincoln Pneumatic Grease Gun	\$ 0.00	No Bid
14. 30 gallon Lincoln Hand Pump for Motor Oil	\$ 52.00	Todd Warzecho
15. (2) 40 yard Conex Containers	\$1,001.00	Collision Clinic
16. 1993 Ford Rescue Truck	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	No Bid
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,797.78</b>	

#### Ambulance Not Awarded by Selectmen – Property of the EH Ambulance Association

17. 2005 Ford F450 Ambulance	<u>\$6,025.00</u>	Michael Davis
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,025.00</b>	