

Board of Selectmen  
Grange Hall  
August 2, 2017  
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present: A. Blaschik; E. Blaschik; K. Blaschik; Tanya Bourgoin; K. Budnik (EH News); D. Dill; E. Dill; C. Gelston, T. Gelston; I. Haines; K. O'Boyle; R. Smith; 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 Mr. Malavasi, to approve the agenda as written.  
Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of July 18, 2017 and Regular Meeting of July 19, 2017

Special Meeting of July 18, 2017: Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to postpone approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 18, 2017. Unanimous aye.

Regular Meeting of July 19, 2017: Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to postpone approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 2017. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence for consideration at this time.

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

- The prebid site visit was held that morning regarding the Company #1 renovation portion of the Firehouse projects. He noted that 17 potential bidders attended.
- He made comment that the 2017-2018 budget had passed on July 25.
- He advised the board that the East Haddam Ambulance Association Board of Directors held their annual meeting and elections on July 27 and the membership of the Board of Directors has remained the same.
- The Osprey chicks nesting on the swing bridge are still staying close to the nest.

6. Citizens' Concerns: There were no citizens' concerns expressed at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Shagbark Solar Project Discussion: Mr. Lyman reported that the solar project is moving forward and it is set to go live on August 10. He noted that an event celebrating the energizing of the 1.5 MW solar farm is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> and Shagbark is looking for exhibitors to participate in the celebration.

- B. Solid Waste Facility Ordinance Amendment Discussion: Mr. Lyman reported that he has done extensive research on the Transfer Station and is prepared to make a presentation when all board members are in attendance. His thoughts on restructuring the ordinance reach well beyond Mr. Dill's suggestions pertaining to littering. He will plan to make a presentation at the board meeting in two weeks.
- C. Senior Center Usage Discussion: Mr. Lyman noted that he would like to postpone this item until the next meeting when all board members would be present. Mr. Malavasi commented that he wanted it to be clear that past practice of beer and wine service still stands until the Board of Selectmen make their decision on the policy.

## 8. New Business

- A. Gift Acceptance for Heritage Park Lighting Project – East Haddam Lions Club: Mr. Lyman referred to the letter and donation received from the East Haddam Lions Club to be applied to the Heritage Park Lighting Project. Mr. Lyman noted that along with the monetary donations from Consumer Reports and a private donation there is sufficient funding to complete the project.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to accept a gift from the East Haddam Lions Club for the Town of East Haddam in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Heritage Park Lighting Project and send acceptance of said donation to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

- B. Beer & Wine Service Approval – Grange Hall – Moodus Drum & Fife Corps: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to a letter in their meeting packet, dated July 25, 2017, from Patrick Murray, President of the Moodus Drum & Fife Corps, requesting permission to serve beer and wine at their annual Muster on October 20 and 21, 2017.

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 20 & 21, 2017 pending receipt of liability insurance.

In response to a question from Mr. Malavasi regarding past events, Mr. Lyman advised that the Drum & Fife do hire a police officer as security to monitor the event throughout the night. Unanimous aye.

- C. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (ETHICS, CONS, EHVRC): The board discussed the following changes:

### **Ethics Commission**

Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to the June 14, 2017 minutes of the Ethics Commission recommending the reappointment of Warren Bellows and Bruce Gelston to the Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to reappoint Warren Bellows and Bruce Gelston for three year terms as members of the Ethics Commission with terms to expire June 30, 2020. Unanimous aye.

### **Conservation Commission**

Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to an email from Rob Smith, Chairman of the Conservation Commission recommending reappointments of some members whose terms had expired to their commission.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to reappoint Todd Gelston, Susan Merrow and Robert Smith for two-year terms to expire June 30, 2019 as regular members on the Conservation Commission. Unanimous aye.

It should be noted that Peg Carlson does not wish reappointment as an alternate to the Conservation Commission. Her term expired on 6/30/17.

### **East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee**

Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to the meeting minutes from the July 26, 2017 East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee meeting. The committee made recommendations to appoint Gerald Smith and Mark Walter as alternate members to the committee.

Mr. Malavasi questioned the party affiliation noted for Mr. Walter. It was his understanding that Mr. Walter's new employer had required he change his party affiliation to be non-political. Mr. Malavasi noted that he reached out to Registrar Martha Hansen to confirm but had not heard back yet. Mr. Lyman noted that he did not believe Mr. Walter had changed his party affiliation but he would agree to postpone his appointment until confirmed.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to appoint Gerald Smith to fill a vacant term as an alternate member on the East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee with a term to expire at the completion of the project and to postpone appointment of Mark Walter until Mr. Malavasi received confirmation of his party affiliation. Unanimous aye.

D. Tax Refunds: There were no tax refunds for consideration at this time.

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

- Mr. Rob Smith asked if he could obtain a draft copy of the amended Transfer Station ordinance Mr. Lyman was speaking about. Mr. Lyman commented that Mr. Smith's request was premature as this project was not that far along yet. There has been no draft ordinance amendment created at this time except for what Mr. Randy Dill has suggested in regards to littering. Mr. Lyman noted that he planned to present his ideas and his thoughts on how to move forward with this to the Board at their next meeting.
- In response to questions raised by Mr. Todd Gelston, Mr. Lyman confirmed that what he would be proposing for the Transfer Station would go beyond what Mr. Dill suggested in regards to littering. He also responded to Mr. Gelston questions on the process for the Meals on Wheels program.
- In response to a question from Ms. Charlotte Gelston, Mr. Lyman noted that the invoice from Electrical Wholesalers for the Heritage Park Lighting Project was \$38,067.35.
- Mr. Smith commented that he had taken a ride by bus turn-a-round that was part of the Trowbridge Road land exchange that took place a couple of years ago. He added that at a

Planning and Zoning meeting the former First Selectman commented on the dangerous situation associated with the bus turn-a-round and noted that he would have Public Works fix it. Mr. Smith noted that it did not look like anything had been done. Mr. Lyman noted that he would follow up with Public Works.

10. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Ordinance Codification Meeting Date: Mr. Lyman noted that the meeting date was changed from September 14 to September 7.

Mr. Malavasi asked if there was anything new in regarding to the Johnsonville purchase. Mr. Lyman responded that he was not aware of anything. He added that Jim Ventres was on vacation but upon his return he planned to meet with the new owners.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Malavasi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Link, Secretary