

Board of Selectmen  
Grange Hall  
January 3, 2018  
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: E. Lyman; R. Smith Absent: S. Link

Also Present: H. Aitken; E. Blaschik; E. Dill; R. Dill; C. Gelston; T. Gelston; G. Guidi; K. Guidi; I. Haines; B. Harvey; K. Karabeinikoff; T. Quinn; C Read; R. Rose; 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 Mr. Smith, to approve the Agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of December 20, 2017.

Mr. Smith requested the following change to the minutes:

- Page 4, Line 2 – Change “State Police” to “local Police”.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2017, as amended. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence

A. Police Department Employee Appreciation Email: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of an email in their meeting packets, dated December 19, 2017, from Jonathan Haddad. He noted that Mr. Haddad commended Officer Karl Karabeinikoff regarding his work ethic and positive attitude. Mr. Haddad stated, *“My family and I are so glad that Officer Karabeinikoff works in our town. This man does his job every day, and he does it better than most... Officer Karl... should be singled out, and held up, as the shining examples of what a cop should be.”*

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

- Town schools and offices will be closed tomorrow due to the predicted snow storm.
- The Transfer Station Committee has been established and will hold its first meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> at the Grange Hall.

6. Citizen's Concerns

In response to a question from Mr. Gelston, Mr. Lyman confirmed that the January 18<sup>th</sup> Transfer Station Committee meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Ordinance Codification Discussion: Mr. Lyman advised that the Public Hearing to discuss the draft ordinance codification will be held on January 31<sup>st</sup>. He noted that revisions will be considered after the codification project has been accepted by the citizens at Town Meeting.
- B. Horizontal Curve Safety Project Update: Mr. Lyman reported that the supervising engineer for the State's Horizontal Curve Safety Project informed him that the project has been completed. He stated that a meeting with the supervisor, Public Works Director Lunt and himself will be scheduled to turn the horizontal curve over to the Town.

8. New Business

- A. Grant Acceptance – National Endowment for the Humanities (Rathbun Library): Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to material in their meeting packets regarding notification of a grant for the Rathbun Library.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to accept a grant in the amount of \$4,710.00 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for the purpose of storage shelving for the Rathbun Historical Room for archival volumes associated with the Town of East Haddam, and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

Mr. Smith thanked Library Director Gilroy for his work on applying for the grant and noted that the shelving will help protect the Town's historical documents.

- B. Gift Acceptance – Municipal Office Complex (Furniture, File Cabinets, Artwork Display):

**Furniture and Accessories**

Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to materials in their meeting packets pertaining to a donation of furniture for the Municipal Office Complex. He stated that the donor wishes to remain anonymous and that it is difficult to put an exact value on the items as the depreciation on used furniture is high; typically the multiplier is \$.05 to \$.10 on the dollar.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to accept a gift of various items of furniture to include cubes/work stations with chairs, demountable walls, file cabinets, conference room tables and chairs, chairs for the main meeting room, several small round tables for offices, movable tables for Park and Recreation and miscellaneous electronic equipment for the Municipal Office Complex valued at approximately \$46,000.00 after depreciation and send acceptance of said gift to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval.

In response to a question raised by Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyman advised that it was estimated that it would have cost approximately \$1M in new furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) to fit out the new municipal offices comparable to the donated items. He stated that Silver & Petrucelli developed the estimated depreciation value of the donated FF&E items.

Unanimous aye.

**CitiFinancial File Cabinets**

Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to materials in their meeting packets pertaining to a donation of file cabinets from CitiFinancial for the Municipal Office Complex.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to accept a gift of fourteen 5 drawer lateral filing cabinets for the Municipal Office Complex valued at \$2,100.00 from CitiFinancial and send acceptance of said gift to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

**East Haddam Art League Artwork Display System**

Mr. Lyman referred to material in the Selectmen's meeting packets pertaining to a donation received from the East Haddam Art League to be used for an art display hanging system for the main meeting room of the Municipal Office Complex. He noted that the Art League would like to display art work of local artists on the display.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to accept a gift from the East Haddam Art League for the Town of East Haddam in the amount of \$400.00 for an art display system for the Municipal Office Complex and send acceptance of said donation to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

- C. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (EDC): Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of an email from Bob Casner, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission, advising that the Commissioners have recommended a new alternate member appointment.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to appoint Irene Haines as an alternate member of the Economic Development Commission for a vacant five-year term to expire on June 30, 2020. Unanimous aye.

- D. Tax Refunds: There were no tax refunds discussed at the meeting.

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

- Mr. Rose thanked Mr. Lyman for his efforts related to the state's installation of horizontal curve road signs.
- In response to a statement made by Ms. Gelston, Mr. Lyman advised that the furniture donated for the new Municipal Office Complex had been stored in the Middle School gym at no cost to the Town. Mr. Blaschik confirmed that the Municipal Office Building Committee had not received or approved the payment of any fees to store the furniture and equipment.

10. Selectmen's Discussion

Mr. Smith advised that the Conservation Commission is considering a request for a conservation easement on approximately 150 acres of land owned by the Banner group. He noted that he wanted to alert the Selectmen that there may be further discussion regarding the best way to affect conservation protection of the parcel.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Emmett Lyman, First Selectman