

Board of Selectmen  
Municipal Office Complex  
Meeting Rooms 1/2  
June 19, 2019  
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present: E. Blaschik; C. Brownell; L. D'Aquila; A. Donner; D. Faipler; B. Perry; C. Quinn; R. Turner; 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 June 5, 2019 and Special Meeting of June 11, 2019

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the June 5, 2019 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2019, as written. Unanimous aye.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 11, 2019, as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: No correspondence was discussed at the meeting.
5. First Selectmen's Report

Mr. Lyman reported on the following items:

- Funding for a School Resource Officer was approved by the Board of Finance on June 17<sup>th</sup> and will go to a Town Meeting for approval on June 25, 2019.
  - The bids for the replacement of the High School roof came in lower than expected.
- A. Responses to Previous Meeting Questions: The following additional information was provided regarding previous meeting questions:
- Efforts to control speeding on newly paved roads will include a temporary increase in police presence on the roads; however, the Public Works Director continues to oppose the use of speed bumps. Mr. Lyman reported that a resident suggested the use of "optical illusion" paintings on the roads. He stated that the technique is being used outside of the U.S., but they are illegal in the states. In response to a request made by Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyman agreed to ask the Public Works Director to provide any data she has to substantiate her objections to speed bumps.

- The increase in part-time fire-fighters, back to a total of 6, will provide coverage from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. but it will not increase the total number of budgeted work hours.

Mr. Lyman asked Ms. D'Aquila to report on the progress of the Ambulance Association's efforts to reduce mutual aid calls. Ms. D'Aquila reiterated that an EMS Director and staffing agency have been retained to help reduce mutual aid calls. She advised that May was the first full month that both were in place and 63 calls were received that month and only 5 (less than 8%) went to mutual aid.

Ms. D'Aquila reported that the Volunteer Ambulance Association now has 24-hour coverage 7 days a week and they continue to actively recruit volunteers. She noted that the Association will be offering EMR and Stop-The-Bleed courses this summer.

6. Citizen's Concerns: There were no citizens' concerns discussed at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

A. East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee Update: Mr. Lyman reported that the Village Revitalization Committee met on June 12<sup>th</sup> and approved a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that The Center Bridge Group move forward to the next phase of the project and respond to an RFP. Mr. Lyman noted that the next meeting of the EHVRC is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>.

In response to a question raised by Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyman advised that The Center Bridge Group's response to the RFQ will be made public if the EHVRC accepts their response to the RFP and recommends the Board of Selectmen move their proposal forward to a Public Hearing and Town Meeting.

B. Transfer Station Committee Final Report Discussion & Solid Waste Facility Ordinance: In response to a question from Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyman advised that the new ram is of a lesser capacity than the previous ram and, therefore, somewhat less efficient. He noted that he will be meeting with the Public Works Director on June 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for implementing some of the sub-committee's other recommendations.

C. Citation Hearing Procedure Ordinance Discussion: Discussion of this agenda item was postponed.

D. Control of Animals Ordinance Discussion: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of the updated Control of Animals Ordinance draft in their meeting packets. He asked the Selectmen to review the draft for discussion at their next regular meeting.

E. Cemetery Committee Discussion: Discussion of this agenda item was postponed.

F. 2019 Neighborhood Assistance Act Approvals: Mr. Lyman reported that on June 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. a public hearing was held on the Neighborhood Assistance Act proposals received. He noted that the Goodspeed Opera House applied for \$99,450.39 for energy efficiency upgrades and the Town of East Haddam applied for \$20,000.00 for the Open Space Trust Fund. He stated that there were no questions or comments from the public at the meeting.

Mr. Lyman advised that the next step is for the Board of Selectmen to approve the applications and send the proposal to the state for final approval.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve and forward to the State, for their approval, two (2) projects requesting funding by the Neighborhood Assistance Act for 2019. Unanimous aye.

In response to a question from Mr. Smith, Ms. Zemienieski confirmed that, over the years, several donations have been made to the Open Space Trust Fund.

8. New Business

- A. Gift Acceptance – Town Beach “Birds Nest”: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen’s attention to a copy of an email correspondence initiated by NetPlay USA, noting their desire to donate a “Birds Nest” with attachment joints and the labor to install the item at the Town Beach as a gift to the Town.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to accept a gift of a Bird’s Nest with attachment joints and labor for installation at the Town Beach, valued at approximately \$2,023.13, from NetPlay USA and send acceptance of said gift to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

- B. Board/Commission/Committee Changes: There were no Board, Commission, or Committee changes discussed at the meeting.
- C. 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 presented:

- \$103.43 to Toyota Motor Credit Corporation.
- Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment at the meeting:

10. Selectmen’s Discussion

- A. Town Meeting (June 25, 2019 @ 8:00pm – Town Hall, 492 Town Street): Mr. Lyman advised the Selectmen and public present that a Town Meeting has been scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the old Town Hall.

Mr. Smith reported two interns have been assigned to the Town’s Sustainable CT committee as well as a volunteer advocate who will assist with preparing a specific section of the report. In response to a question from Ms. Link, Mr. Smith confirmed that the interns and volunteer advocate were provided, at no cost to the Town, by the River COG.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded Ms. Link, to adjourn the meeting 7:31 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Link, Secretary