

Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
September 4, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present: D. Barlow; P. Barlow; D. Berndtson; J. Bielot; A. Blaschik; E. Blaschik; C. Brownell; M. Callahan; J. Cozean; C. Cubeta; J. Dill; R. Dill; E. Dillon; A. Donner; D. Faipier; B. Gillis; M. Gillis; M. Gilroy; T. Gionta; A. Kiley; B. Kiley; B. Lunt; J. Maynard; D. McGlinchey; K. McRae; H. Monterose; C. Nelan; B. Pear; L. Pear; B. Perry; C. Quinn; V. Riley-Pach; I. Schwartz; D. Shorthouse; R. Turner; C. VanValkenburg; P. Veselak; J. Zaid; 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. Mr. Lyman noted that the Board of Selectmen's meeting would recess at 7:15 p.m. to go into a Public Hearing and reconvene after that Public Hearing concludes.
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 August 21, 2019

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2019, as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.
5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Lyman reported on the following:
 - The Ambulance Association has been very busy lately and continues to have good reports.
 - The state has been working on the catch basins on Route 82, between Routes 151 and 148 and resurfacing work will begin on September 25th. They project 3-days of milling with paving to begin on October 7th.
 - The updated Plan of Conservation & Development was approved at a Town Meeting on August 27, 2019. A gift of a bird's nest swing was also accepted at the Town Meeting.
- A. Responses to Previous Meeting Questions: There was no additional information provided regarding questions raised at previous meetings.
6. Citizen's Concerns: There were no citizen's concerns raised at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. East Haddam Village Revitalization Committee Update: Mr. Lyman reported that the EHVRC met on August 28th and he expects the Request for Proposal will be issued on September 19th.
- B. Transfer Station Committee Final Report Discussion & Solid Waste Facility Ordinance: There was no new update on this agenda item.
- C. Citation Hearing Procedure Ordinance Discussion: Discussion of this agenda item was postponed.
- D. Control of Animals Ordinance Discussion: Mr. Lyman noted that a Public Hearing to consider this ordinance was tentatively scheduled for September 5th but several of the principals were unable to attend so it will be rescheduled.
- E. Cemetery Committee Discussion: Discussion of this agenda item was postponed.
- F. Transfer Station Waste Agreement: Mr. Lyman stated that the Selectmen had received a copy of the proposed Transfer Station Waste Agreement. He noted that, if they do not approve the agreement at this meeting, it will be difficult to move forward on it before the Town elections. He briefly reviewed the options proposed by Willimantic Waste and the Selectmen discussed the recycling clause. Mr. Smith stated that the additional information provided addressed his concerns.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve a five-year Waste Hauling and Processing Agreement for municipal solid waste disposal, municipal bulky waste disposal, single stream recycling with adjustable rate after 36 months and municipal hauling services with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. and send the multi-year contract to the Board of Finance, then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

- G. Building Department Fees Discussion: Ms. Link advised that she had not had a chance to meet with Mr. Thody; however, she did review the changes he recommended and is fine with them. Mr. Smith noted that comments had been received that the Town's recently adopted building fees were way out of line with those of the surrounding towns; however, the Building Official's research indicates that in East Haddam most of the fees are not significantly higher than those of comparable towns and he is satisfied with the changes Mr. Thody recommended. Ms. Link requested the Chairman of the Economic Development Commission provide the Selectmen with information on the number of people they received comments from regarding the building fee schedule adopted last October.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve the proposed fee schedule for the Building Department permits, to be become effective October 1, 2019, and to authorize the Building Official to keep East Haddam's educational fee portion current with the State of Connecticut Educational fee. Unanimous aye.

At 7:15 p.m., the Selectmen agreed to recess the Board of Selectmen's meeting for the scheduled Public Hearing. The regular Board of Selectmen's meeting reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

- H. East Haddam Free Public Library Discussion: Mr. Lyman briefly reviewed the steps in the timeline to bring this item to a Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, that Town of East Haddam accept the gift/donation/transfer of real and personal property from the East Haddam Free Public Library and Reading Room Association, Inc., in furtherance of the creation of a single, unified town library system as provided in the ordinance adopted by the Town Meeting on June 19, 2013 and send acceptance of said donation to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

8. New Business

- A. Request for Beer & Wine Service – Grange Hall: Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen’s attention to a copy of an email from Ashley Smith, dated September 3, 2019, requesting permission to serve beer and wine at the Grange Hall for her son’s baptism reception on October 13, 2019.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to approve the serving of beer and wine at the Grange Hall for a “Baptism Reception” on October 13, 2019. Mr. Smith abstained from the vote and the motion passed.

- B. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (CONS): Mr. Lyman called the Selectmen’s attention to an email from Rob Smith, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, which submitted recommendations for changes to the commission’s membership.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Ms. Link, to change the status of Joseph Zaid from alternate member to regular member to fill a vacancy, with a term to expire June 30, 2020, on the Conservation Commission. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to appoint Bernard Gillis as an alternate member to fill a vacancy, with a term to expire June 30, 2020, on the Conservation Commission. Unanimous aye.

- C. 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 as presented.

- \$191.47 to ACAR Leasing LTD,
- \$ 46.18 to CAB East LLC,
- \$ 34.37 to Emily Marcello, and
- \$759.44 to Vault Trust.

Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: There were no public comments discussed at the meeting.

10. Selectmen’s Discussion

In response to a question raised by Mr. Smith, Public Works Director Lunt advised that the purpose of installing a gate instead of permanent blocks at the entrance to the upper area of the transfer station is to save wear and tear on the scale. The large hauling trucks would pass through the gate instead of over the scale. Mr. Smith questioned how the hauling trucks were weighed. Ms. Lunt confirmed that

the Town's scale is not equipped to track the weight of the bulky waste trucked out of the upper bins by the commercial haulers so it uses Willimantic Waste's scales for that purpose.

Ms. Link reiterated her concern for the process used in the hiring of police officers for the Town. She stated that she is not comfortable with one person being in charge of making the decision on hiring a public safety officer that affects so many aspects of the Town. She and Mr. Lyman briefly discussed her concerns. In response to a question raised by Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyman confirmed that the Board of Education must agree to the officer assigned as its SRO.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,
Susan Link, Secretary