

Board of Selectmen
Grange Hall
November 16, 2011
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter; Emmett Lyman

Also Present: A. Behilo; C. Behilo; E. Blaschik; P. Govert; G. Hollis; J. Hollis; B. Manifol; T. Manifol; . Matthews; V. Matthews; Z. Matthews; K. Siani; R. Siani; B. Swinson; C. Swinson; Z. Swinson; S. Wheeler

1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Walter welcomed Cub Scout Pack 82 to the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Walter stated that he would like to add the following discussion topics under Agenda Item 8 – New Business:

- ▶ G. Transfer Station Fee Waiver – Historical Society Museum
- ▶ H. Bid Waiver – Transfer Station Hopper Repairs

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the agenda as amended.
Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of November 2, 2011: Mr. Lyman stated that he would like to delete “*Ms. King and*” from the first sentence in the second paragraph under item 10, Selectmen’s Discussion, in the minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 2, 2011, as amended. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to a copy of a letter in their meeting packets, dated November 10, 2011, from the Economic Development Commission to Attorney General George Jepsen concerning the ownership of the Palmer Warner House. Mr. Walter provided some background on the subject and advised that the issue of the property’s transfer of ownership was being contested.

5. First Selectmen’s Report

A. Appointment of Secretary: The Selectmen agreed to table this item until the next meeting when Selectman Blaschik was in attendance.

B. Liaison Appointments - The Selectmen agreed to table this item until the next meeting when Selectman Blaschik was in attendance.

Mr. Walter distributed a copy of a quote received from Norpro for a replacement generator for Firehouse 1.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to waive the requirement for two quotes for a replacement generator due to the circumstances surrounding the need to replace the existing generator. Mr. Walter noted that the generator at Firehouse 1, which was the Town’s Emergency Management base,

had failed during the October snow storm and needed immediate replacement. He stated that the Town will submit the cost of the new generator to FEMA for possible reimbursement. Unanimous aye.

6. Citizen's Concerns: Mr. Govert advised that he had reviewed the CL&P Request for Information regarding clean energy that Mr. Lyman had forwarded him and noted that the deadline for submissions had passed. Mr. Lyman confirmed that he was aware the deadline would be missed; however, he advised that the request will come up again next year and he wanted the Clean Energy Committee to be aware of the program.

Mr. Walter provided Mr. Govert with contact information from Mr. Bernstein regarding the potential for a micro hydro-power plant on the Moodus River and Mr. Govert agreed to follow-up with the individual.

Mr. Blaschik reported the location of several street lights that were out.

7. Unfinished Business

A. 4-8 Middle School Discussion: Mr. Walter reported that Atty. Poliner was drafting the language for the documents to close out this project.

B. Goodspeed Opera House Update: Mr. Walter reported that a ribbon-cutting ceremony had been held at the Actors' Village. Mr. Blaschik advised that the event was held to thank the donors who had contributed to the project and to formally name the houses after several of those donors.

C. Old Middle School/Middle School Conversion Committee: Mr. Walter reported that the Board of Selectmen will discuss the Middle School Conversion project with the Board of Finance at the Board of Finance's December 12th meeting. In response to a question from Mr. Blaschik, Mr. Walter confirmed that he would notify Ms. Malavasi, the Chairperson of the Middle School Conversion Committee, of the meeting.

D. Proposal to Exempt Class I Renewables from Building Permit Fees: The Selectmen agreed to table this item until the next meeting when Selectman Blaschik was in attendance. Mr. Govert noted that in their previous discussions, the Selectmen agreed that rather than offering a blanket exemption for all renewable projects, they should start with exempting just solar projects.

8. New Business

A. Bid Award – Reroofing of Old Town Hall: Mr. Walter presented a recommendation letter from Public Works Administrator Lunt regarding the bid for reroofing the old Town Hall.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award the bid for the reroofing of the old Town Hall to R. A. Parady & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$12,800.00 for the base bid and \$2.00 per square foot for any necessary replacement of damaged/rotted plywood roof decking. Unanimous aye.

B. Grant Acceptance – 2010 Federal Highway Safety Program (DUI): Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to accept a grant in the amount of \$27,600.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation, entitled "FY 2012 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program", and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

C. Planning & Zoning Alternate Position Discussion: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a memo in their meeting packets, dated November 9, 2011, from Town Clerk Denette regarding an open Alternate position on the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Selectmen discussed Ms. Denette's recommendation and agreed to appoint Jessica Stone to the position.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to appoint Jessica Stone as an alternate member on the Planning and Zoning Commission for a four-year term to expire with the November 2015 election. Unanimous aye.

D. Commission Resignation & Status Change (EDC): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to copies of e-mails in their meeting packets from EDC Chairman Odell, dated October 13th and November 4th respectively, advising of the resignation of Michael Gionta from the EDC Board, and the change in status of Pamela Rubenbauer from alternate to regular member.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Michael Gionta from the Economic Development Commission. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to change the status of Pamela Rubenbauer from alternate member to regular member on the Economic Development Commission. Unanimous aye.

E. Volunteer of the Month: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of an e-mail in their meeting packets, dated September 6, 2011, from Joanne Rocznik recommending Chloe Vigue as volunteer of the month. Ms. Rocznik advised that, "*Chloe is an eleven year old girl who set up a stand at the end of her driveway to collect for those who needed help*".

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to name Chloe Vigue as volunteer of the month for November 2011. Unanimous aye.

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

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award a tax refund in the amount of \$233.99 to James B. or A. Murphy. Unanimous aye.

G. Transfer Station Fee Waiver – Historical Society Museum: Mr. Walter Mark called the Selectmen's attention to a completed Transfer Station Fee Waiver Application submitted by the Historical Society.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the application to waive Transfer Station Fees for the East Haddam Historical Society for asphalt shingles, scrap lumber and renovation debris as requested in their November 16, 2011 application. Unanimous aye.

H. Bid Waiver – Transfer Station Hopper Repairs: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a memo from Public Works Administrator Lunt, dated November 14, 2011, requesting a bid waiver for repairs to the hopper at the Transfer Station. Mr. Walter described previous repairs that had been done and advised that there was a need to do additional work to improve the hopper's drainage.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to waive the bid process for the repairs to the hopper at the Transfer Station and authorize the Public Works Administrator to negotiate with Sanitary Equipment Company, Inc per their quote of \$12,000.00 for these services. Unanimous aye.

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

10. Selectmen's Discussion:

A. 2012 Board of Selectmen Meetings - The Selectmen reviewed the proposed 2012 schedule of meetings for the Board of Selectmen and agreed to eliminate the November 21st meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the following dates as the meeting schedule for the Board of Selectmen for the 2012 calendar year: January 4 & 18, February 1 & 15, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, June 6 & 20, July 18, August 1 & 15, September 5 & 19, October 3 & 17, November 7, December 5 & 19, and January 2 & 16, 2013. All meetings will be held at 7:00pm in the Grange Hall. Unanimous aye.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Govert, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary