

Board of Selectmen
Grange Hall
June 20, 2012
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter and Emmett Lyman. Absent: John Blaschik
Also Present: E. Blaschik

1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Walter stated that he would like to amend Agenda item D under New Business to read: "Commission Status Change & Appointment & Reappointments (COA, CONS, GATEWAY, HDC)".

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

3. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting of June 6, 2012 and Special Meeting of June 14, 2012.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 6, 2012, as written. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 14, 2012, as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: Mr. Walter distributed copies of an email he received from Mr. Bill Richardson, dated, June 19, 2012, thanking him for the swift action taken on some of the road issues they had corresponded about. He noted that Mr. Richardson also complimented the Public Works crew on the work they did.

5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Walter distributed copies of correspondence concerning Hebron's decision to terminate its participation in the KX Dispatch. He noted that Hebron's decision was based primarily on financial considerations; however, there is an outstanding question about the town's responsibility to continue making payments on the shared capital equipment loan. Mr. Walter stated that East Haddam and Colchester plan to solicit bids to merge the KX Dispatch with the Valley Dispatch.

6. Citizen's Concerns: There were no citizen's concerns discussed.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Proposal to Exempt Class I Renewables from Building Permit Fees : There was no update on this agenda item.

B. Three Bridges Road Bridge Discussion: There was no update on this agenda item.

C. Tax Exempt Handicapped Vehicles: There was no update on this agenda item.

D. Internet Usage Policy Discussion: There was no update on this agenda item.

E. 2012 Neighborhood Assistance Act Approvals: Mr. Walter reported that a public hearing was held on the Neighborhood Assistance Act proposals on June 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. and stated that the Town now needs to send the proposals to the State for final approval.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve and forward to the State for their approval two projects requesting funding by the Neighborhood Assistance Act for 2012. Unanimous aye.

F. Clark Gate Road Boundary Dispute: Discussion of this agenda item was deferred until Selectman Blaschik and Mr. Fortier are in attendance.

8. New Business

A. RFP Award – Town Wide Radio System: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to an email with the minutes and recommendation from the Radio Selection Committee in their meeting packets, dated June 18, 2012, recommending that Tactical Communications, Inc. be awarded the contract for Phase I and Phase II for the Town Wide Radio System.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award the contract for Phase I and Phase II of the Town Wide Radio System to Tactical Communications, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Phase I and \$5,500 for Phase II with the Town reserving the right not to enter into Phase II based on the finding of Phase I. Unanimous aye.

B. Trailer Permit Request: Mr. Walter explained that Mr. Favreau was asking for a 6 month trailer permit while he was rebuilding his house after a fire. He noted that all the pertinent approvals from the Chatham Health District and Building Department have been received. Mr. Walter also explained that it has been past practice to waive the fifty-dollar trailer permit fee for applicants who have had to rebuild their homes due to fire and he would like to request that in this case. He noted that there is usually some wording added to the permit approval letter regarding removing the trailer within 15 days of receiving a certificate of occupancy.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to waive the permit fee and approve the application from Mark and Jeanne Favreau for a single trailer license at 55 Clark Gates Road with the conditions set forth by the Chatham Health District and the condition that the trailer be removed within 15 days after receiving a certificate of occupancy. Unanimous aye.

C. Volunteer of the Month : Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to copies of correspondence from Patricia Stricker and Deb Denette in their meeting packets nominating Michael Gionta for Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Stricker's letter noted that, *"Mike volunteers his time year round for our youth... Mike has also been very active in other boards and commission including the EDC and Village Revitalization committees... If one was to add up the volunteer hours Mike has spent on the Town of East Haddam it would be equivalent to a full time job"*.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to name Michael Gionta as Volunteer of the Month for June 2012. Unanimous aye.

D. Commission Status Change & Appointment & Reappointments (COA, CONS, GATEWAY, HDC):

Commission on Aging

Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to an email in their meeting packets from Jovita Cozean, Secretary of the Commission on Aging, dated June 7, 2012, recommending a status change and several reappointments.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to change the status of Rosalie Hoffman from an alternate to a regular member on the Commission on Aging to fill a vacant three-year term to expire June 30, 2014. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to reappoint John Pagnani for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2015 as a regular member and Mary Ellen Klinck for a one-year term to expire June 30, 2013 as an alternate member on the Commission on Aging. Unanimous aye.

Conservation Commission

Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of an email from Cynthia Matthew, dated June 14, 2012, advising that the Conservation Commission unanimously recommended some reappointments.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to reappoint Cynthia Matthew and Thomas Tarbox as regular members on the Conservation Commission for two-year terms to expire June 30, 2014. Unanimous aye.

Gateway Commission

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to reappoint Harvey Thomas as a regular member and Emmett Lyman as an alternate member for a two-year terms on the Connecticut River Gateway Commission with their terms to expire June 30, 2014. Unanimous aye.

Historic District Commission

Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of an email and minutes from the May Historic District Commission meeting advising that the commission recommended an alternate appointment and some overdue reappointments.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to appoint Michael Trocchi to fill a vacant alternate position with a term to expire November 20, 2016 on the Historic District Commission. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to reappoint David Nelson for a five-year term to expire November 20, 2016 and Christian Miller for a five-year term to expire November 20, 2015 as regular members and Karl Stofko for a three-year term to expire November 20, 2013 as an alternate member on the Historic District Commission. Unanimous aye.

E. Tax Refunds: There were no tax refunds for consideration on the agenda.

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

10. Selectmen's Discussion:

A. Town Meeting –June 27, 2012: Mr. Walter reiterated that there will be a Town Meeting on June 27, 2012.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary