

Board of Selectmen
Grange Hall
August 15, 2012
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter, Emmett Lyman. Absent: John Blaschik
Also Present: L. Zemienieski, E. Blaschik, T. Tarbox

1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of July 18, 2012.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2012 as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence:

A. Skate Park Letter: Mr. Walter presented a letter he had received from George Ryczek expressing his disappointment in the location of the new skate park. He wrote that his quiet neighborhood has been turned into an outdoor teen center, along with squealing tires and loud music into the late evening hours. Mr. Walter explained that he has had the police patrolling the area more frequently to enforce the hours of operation. He noted that the park should close at sunset.

B. EDC IG Zone Change Support Letter: Mr. Walter presented a letter he was copied on that was sent to Crary Brownell from the Economic Development Commission supporting 374 Town Street IG Zone Change for a possible coffee shop.

Mr. Walter distributed some email correspondence he received from the Connecticut Yankee Conservation Project Advisory Board. It stated that *"in early May a delegation of five people, ably led by ... Kim Lutz who is The Nature Conservancy's head of the Connecticut River Program for the entire river, visited the Interior Department in Washington DC. Kim's counterparts on the trip were Clem Clay of Trust For Public Land, Andy Fisk of The Connecticut River Watershed Council and Mike Gildesgame of the Appalachian Mountain Club. The newest addition to the Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge, the Salmon River Division, was represented by Jim McHutchison of Haddam Neck. Among others, the group met with the Deputy Secretary of the Interior and later a very capable woman named Rebecca Wodder who is Senior Advisor to Secretary Ken Salazar. The mission was to underscore progress in the Silvio Conte National Wildlife Refuge."*

5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Walter noted that he planned to discuss a structural engineering report he received on the Company #2 Firehouse and the potential expansion of Company #1 but will postpone that discussion to later in the meeting when Selectman Blaschik arrived.
6. Citizen's Concerns: TJ Tarbox commented that he read in the Fishwrapper that the murals in the former middle school were going to be removed and relocated. He felt the best place to relocate them to would be the Town Offices.

Mr. Walter explained that the project was not to remove the murals but to instead digitally photograph and reproduce them and house the reproductions at the Historical Society. He noted that he was currently looking for a grant for this project. He also added that it was cost prohibitive to remove the murals from their present location as they are not just pictures hung on the wall but actually part of the wall. Ed Blaschik asked what the cost was for the digital project. Mr. Walter replied it was approximately \$8,000.

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: Mr. Walter noted that Roger Nemergut was designing this project and the Mr. Ventres also hired him to design the small bridge over the Eightmile River.

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

D. Internet Usage Policy Discussion: Mr. Walter noted that CCM released an internet usage and best cyber practices policy which he plans to review prior to approving our policy.

8. New Business

A. Bid Award – Mini Excavator: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to a letter in their meeting packets from the Public Works Administrator, dated August 13, 2012, recommending that W.I. Clark Company be awarded the bid for the mini excavator. He explained that the low bid from, Bobcat of Connecticut, was non-compliant with the minimum specifications for this project.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award the bid for the Mini Excavator to The W.I. Clark Company in the amount of \$62,982.00. Unanimous aye.

B. Open Space Acceptance – Parker Road: The board reviewed the map regarding this subdivision and pointed out the 27.76 acre piece being donated to the town.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, that the Board recommends to the town meeting the acceptance of the following conveyance:

1. A certain Warranty Deed granted by AVERUM J. SPRECHER to the TOWN OF EAST HADDAM, of property for Open Space purposes, described as UNDEVELOPED LAND TO TOWN on a certain map entitled “Resubdivision Map Lot #5 “Parker Road Subdivision” land now or formerly of Averum J. Sprecher Parker Road East Haddam, Connecticut Scale 1” = 100’ Dated Nov. 11 2011” and prepared by Robert R. Weaver, L.S., 147 Parker Road, East Haddam, Connecticut, said map being on file in the Land Records of Town of East Haddam.
Unanimous aye.

C. Volunteer of the Month: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to a memo from Deb Denette in their meeting packets, dated May 15, 2012, recommending Lenore McLean be named a Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Denette noted, *“Among many other volunteer efforts, Lenore has chaired the middle school dances at St. Stephen’s church for the past several years, keeping this important East*

Haddam tradition going strong.....and Lenore's cheerful disposition aids in her ability to recruit volunteers and made their experience fun and rewarding.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to name Lenore McLean as volunteer of the month for August 2012. Unanimous aye.

D. Commission/Committee Status Change, Reappointments & Appointments (IWWC, CONS, GREEN, HDC):

Historic District Commission

Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of an email from the Historic District Commission recommending an alternate appointment and notifying the board of a resignation.

Mr. Walter advised that the recommendation to appoint an alternate on the Historic District Commission would be tabled until the paperwork has been completed.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Michael Marsden as an alternate member from the Historic District Commission. Unanimous aye.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of an email from the Stu Wood of the Zoning Board of Appeals recommending reappointment of two board members.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to reappoint Richard Fiala as a regular member and Laurie Alt as an alternate member for five-year terms to expire January 2017 on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Unanimous aye.

E. Tax Refunds: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to eight tax refunds.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award tax refunds in the amounts presented.

- \$77.64 to Lorraine Kindel
- \$43.52 to Deborah Machol
- \$135.51 to Daniel Woodworth
- \$56.98 to Melissa Ziobron
- \$145.52 to Mark Henderson & Catherine Marshall
- \$317.32 to Mathew & Patricia Giardina
- \$50.24 to Randolph Dill or Joan Dill
- \$62.99 to Gabriel Tomasi

Unanimous aye.

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

10. Selectmen's Discussion: Mr. Walter discussed the report he received from the structural engineer he hired to evaluate the Company #2 Firehouse. He noted that the building was constructed in 1988. There were numerous short and long term repairs needed to make this building code compliant. The engineer recommended that the town should get an estimate on the amount of short and long term work

required and compare that to the complete replacement of the building and site work. Mr. Walter noted that he was in the process of hiring someone to do that.

Mr. Walter further discussed the potential expansion of Company #1. He noted that due to the soils at Company #1 the town would need to purchase the property next door and put the septic system on that site. He discussed the Health Districts septic requirements and the reasons the soil was not suitable on the Company #1 site. He added that the next meeting to discuss the potential Company #1 expansion would be held on August 16 at 7:00 at Company #1 and noted that it was open for anyone to attend.

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 7:34 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Tape: None

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary