

Board of Selectmen  
Grange Hall  
October 3, 2012  
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter; Emmett Lyman; John Blaschik

Also Present: C. Mansfield; J. Spencer; R. Toolan; J. Ventres; E. Blaschik; S. Wheeler

1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Martha Kerr.

2. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Walter suggested moving Agenda items 5A (Emergency Management Road Name Subcommittee Recommendation) up to the next item on the agenda. Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous aye.

5A. First Selectman's Report: Emergency Management Road Name Subcommittee Recommendation

Mr. Mansfield reported that the Subcommittee had started work on the project approximately one year ago and were proposing changes to the names of a number of roads. He stated that the subcommittee was requesting the Board of Selectmen support the recommendations contained in the proposal that they had submitted. Mr. Ventres provided additional background on the history of the project and both he and Mr. Mansfield noted that there are safety/Emergency Management concerns because there are a number of streets in Town that have the same name. They also discussed the need for the Town to schedule a Public Hearing so that the plan can be discussed with citizens.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the Emergency Management Road Name Subcommittee's Recommendation. Unanimous aye.

There was a general discussion regarding a future plan for the Town to undertake a comprehensive project to update all of the street name signs. Mr. Mansfield stated he would like to draft a form to use to apply for road name approvals for the Town's future use. Mr. Walter thanked the Subcommittee for their work on this project. Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Toolan, Mr. Ventres, and Ms. Spencer left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of September 19, 2012.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2012 as written. Mr. Blaschik abstained and the motion passed by a majority of ayes.

4. Correspondence:

Mr. Walter distributed a copy of the East Haddam Economic Development Coordinator's October 1, 2012 report for the Selectmen's review and noted that a lot of good work is being done by the Coordinator.

A. Board of Assessment Appeals – Fall 2012 Final Report: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy Board of Assessment Appeals – Fall 2012 Final Report in their meeting packets. Mr.

Edward Blaschik reported that seven automobile appeals were approved by the Board of Appeals resulting in an adjustment of \$19,430.

B. Boardman Road Petition: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of a petition in their meeting packets requesting several measures be taken to curtail through traffic and speed on Boardman Road. The Selectmen discussed the options suggested in the petition but no action was taken at the meeting. Mr. Walter reported that he has asked for increased police patrolling on the street.

5. First Selectmen's Report:

A. Emergency Management Road Name Subcommittee Recommendation: This item was discussed earlier in the meeting and is reported on above in these minutes.

Other Items discussed:

Mr. Walter reported that he had met with a new member of the Financial Needs Roundtable, who will be replacing Mr. Maxwell, and brought him up-to-speed on the projects the Roundtable is reviewing. He stated that the next step is for the Roundtable to draft a 10-year capital improvements plan. He advised that he plans to talk with Newfield Construction about assisting the Town with developing quotes for some of the larger projects.

Mr. Blaschik noted that the cost for suggested upgrades to the elementary school is roughly equivalent to the cost of renovating the entire Old Middle School for use as new town offices. He expressed his frustration that the elementary school project appears to be moving forward without consideration of first weighing the benefits of each project against the other.

In response to a question from Mr. Blaschik, Mr. Walter confirmed that the Town does not plan to heat the Old Middle School this winter.

Mr. Walter reported that the test results for the Town Office building was negative for mold.

6. Citizen's Concerns: Mr. Edward Blaschik advised that, on behalf of the Goodspeed Opera House, he had met with representatives of the CT Department of Transportation concerning the planned 2013 work on the Succor River bridges.

Mr. Blaschik also noted that the Town of Chester keeps revenue generated from traffic citations issued in that town and suggested Mr. Walter look into whether or not East Haddam could do the same.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Proposal to Exempt Class I Renewables from Building Permit Fee: 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: Mr. Walter reported that the Town's labor attorney had created the current draft of the Internet Usage Policy and recommended they adopt the policy.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve Draft 2 of the Workplace Privacy, Monitoring & Internet Usage Policy for the Town of East Haddam. Unanimous aye.

E. CCM Prescription Discount Card Program: Mr. Walter advised that he had spoken with the owner of the Nathan Hale Pharmacy regarding this program and he had no objection to using the CCM discount cards. Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to enroll the Town of East Haddam in the CCM Prescription Discount Card Program. Unanimous aye.

8. New Business

A. Commission Appointment & Reappointments (HDC & REC): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention a copy of a letter in their meeting packets, dated August 24, 2012, from Tiffany Quinn, Director, East Haddam Parks & Recreation, advising that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends appointing Brad Parker, Walter Parkus, and Margy Robert for another term on the Commission. He also noted that he has not yet received the paperwork regarding the Historic District Commission's appointments.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to reappoint Bradley Parker, Walter Parkus and Margy Roberts as regular members on the Recreation Commission for three-year terms to expire July 1, 2015. Unanimous aye.

B. Tax Refunds: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to three tax refunds.

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

- \$111.99 to Paul A. Hayes,
- \$118.79 to Robert Korpela, and
- \$ 48.03 to Honda Lease Trust.

Unanimous aye.

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

10. Selectmen's Discussion: In response to a question from Mr. Lyman, Mr. Walter confirmed that the Farmers' Market would continue through the end of October during the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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 8:01 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary