

Board of Selectmen
Grange Hall
October 17, 2012
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter; Emmett Lyman; John Blaschik
Also Present: E. Blaschik; S. Wheeler

1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 October 3, 2012. Mr. John Blaschik noted the following corrections to the October 3rd minutes:

- Page 1 – Add “E. Blaschik” to the list of attendees.
- Page 2 – Agenda Item 6 (Citizen’s Concerns) – change “*Mr. John Blaschik*” to “*Mr. Edward Blaschik*”.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2012, as amended. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.
5. First Selectmen’s Report: Mr. Walter reported that Public Works Administrator Lunt and Public Works Superintendent Toolan attended the last Board of Finance meeting and presented a status report on road work. They reported that all of the planned work had been completed and that, by doing partial paving of some roads, they saved approximately \$195,000.00 of the encumbered funds. Mr. Walter stated that Public Works is now documenting a history of repairs to each road as well as the cost of the repairs.

Mr. Walter also stated that the bridge on Haywardville Road is at risk of being shut-down by the State and the cost to replace it is estimated at \$1.3M. He advised that Ms. Lunt recommended an alternative plan of using slip-liners in the two culverts. He noted that the savings realized on the road work would cover the cost of purchasing and installing the slip-liners.

6. Citizen’s Concerns: In response to a question raised by Mr. Edward Blaschik, Mr. Walter reported that the Town had submitted paperwork to the State for reimbursement for a portion of the cost of constructing the new middle school and he is waiting to hear whether or not the State will complete its audit within the stipulated time period. Mr. Walter advised that the leaks and foundation cracks have been repairs; however, there is another issue that is being evaluated.

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.

8. New Business

A. Grant Acceptance – FEMA – Storm Irene: Mr. Walter reported that the Town received notification of three FEMA reimbursements for Storm Irene in the amounts of \$47,062.23, \$89,818.66 and \$43,357.50 for a total FEMA Storm Irene federal grant reimbursement of \$180,238.39.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to accept a grant in the amount of \$180,238.39 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster No. DR-4023-CT grant for Tropical Storm Irene from the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

B. Bid Award – Sand Bid: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a memo from Public Works Administrator Lunt, dated October 10, 2012, recommending that the Town purchase sand from Casner Construction Company for this year's snow and ice control.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to award the bid for the purchase of Sand for Snow and Ice Control to Casner Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$12.15/cubic yard and to further authorize the Public Works Department to order sand from the next low bidder Haynes Material Company in the amount of \$12.15/cubic yard if for any reason Casner Construction Company, Inc. was unable to fulfill the bid requirements. Unanimous aye.

C. Fee Schedule for Contracted Snow Plowing: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of a Memo in their meeting packets from Public Works Administrator Lunt, dated October 12, 2012, providing a summary of bids received and her recommendation for snowplowing awards for the winter.

Mr. Walter explained that this was the process used to set the fee schedule for different size trucks for contracted snow removal. He noted that if we used contractors other than the ones who submitted prices they would be paid at the set rates.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Administrator and set the snow plowing rates as follows: up to 10,000 GVW with sander \$130.00 per hour and between 10,000 and 26,000 GVW with sander \$130.00 per hour. Unanimous aye.

D. Commission Appointment (HDC): This item was tabled until appropriate paperwork is received from the Historic District Commission.

E. Tax Refunds: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to five tax refunds and one court-ordered tax refund.

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

- \$647.39 to Raymond & Theresa Parady
- \$110.42 to Carl D. Holznagel
- \$ 90.62 to Grace Jensen
- \$ 56.01 to Steven C. Jensen

- \$ 57.03 to Holly S. Eccleston.

Unanimous aye.

Mr. Walter advised that the Town has a court order to pay a tax refund to Goodspeed Airport in the amount of \$189,522.82 by October 19, 2012. The Board of Finance has approved a special appropriation to the Tax Collector-Tax Refunds (710-582201). Mr. Walter stated that the issue will need to go to Town Meeting to appropriate this funding. He noted that the Town Meeting cannot deny the tax refund, as it is court ordered, but it must approve the Board of Finance's appropriation recommendation.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to award a tax refund in the amount presented pending approval from the Board of Finance and Town Meeting for funding.

- \$189,522.82 to Goodspeed Airport, LLC

Unanimous aye.

F. Call for Town Meeting: The Selectmen discussed the call to send various items to Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Walter , seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to approve the following call for Town Meeting:

The Electors and citizens of the Town of East Haddam, Connecticut qualified to vote in Town Meeting are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Town Meeting Hall on Town Street in the said Town of East Haddam at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 for the following purposes, to wit:

Item 1: To consider and act upon the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That this town meeting accept, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Selectmen, 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.

Item 2: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to enter into two-year agreements with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. for a contract for Municipal Bulky Waste Disposal Services, a contract for Municipal Waste and Recyclables Hauling Services and a contract for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services.

Item 3: To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED: That a grant in an amount of \$99,478 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) to rehabilitate, repair and improve the operations of the sewer treatment plant owned and operated by the East Haddam Water Pollution Control Authority upon the terms and

conditions set forth in the Personal Service Agreement.

In furtherance of this resolution, Mark B. Walter, the First Selectman, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of East Haddam. Mark B. Walter currently holds the office of First Selectman and has held that office since November 7, 2007. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the local, state or federal government in connection with said contract and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

Item 4: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to accept a grant in the amount of \$180,238.39 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster No. DR-4023-CT grant for Tropical Storm Irene from the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (revenue account 701-410155; \$136,880.89 for fiscal year 2012 and \$43,357.50 for fiscal year 2013).

Item 5: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$43,440 to the Public Works Capital Improvement budget (850-575002) for the purchase of a 2012 Wood Chipper.

Item 6: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$78,200 to the Emergency Management-Storm Irene budget (746-580000 for fiscal year 2012) for the costs associated with Storm Irene Emergency operations and clean up.

Item 7: To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance to approve a special appropriation in the amount of \$189,522.82 to the Tax Collector-Tax Refunds (710-582201) to award a court ordered tax refund in the amount of \$189,522.82 to Goodspeed Airport LLC.

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

10. Selectmen's Discussion: Mr. Blaschik stated that the Local Prevention Council is sponsoring a Red Ribbon Week to highlight drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs. He provided the Selectmen with Red Ribbons to distribute.

Mr. Walter advised that the Middlesex County Revitalization Commission's (MCRC) grant/loan program received \$1M in additional funding from the CT Department of Economic Development Commission. He stated that MCRC also plans to apply for a Federal grant for a regional brownfield assessment program.

In response to a question from Mr. Edward Blaschik, Mr. Walter provided a brief update on the repair projects at Fire Company 1 and 2 and the proposed elementary school upgrades. Mr. Lyman inquired whether or not the State would provide any funds for two potential Open Spaces purchases and Mr. Walter advised that the Town is waiting to hear back from the State on that issue.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary