

Board of Selectmen  
First Selectman's Office  
November 9, 2012  
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter; John Blaschik. Absent: Emmett Lyman  
Also Present: L. Zemienieski

1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 17, 2012.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2012, as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: Mr. Walter distributed some email correspondence he received regarding and Interfaith Thanksgiving Concert & Service on Sunday, November 18, 2012 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the First Church of Christ Congregational. He also distributed an email from the owners of the "Two Wrasslin Cats Coffee House" requesting the removal and relocation of the Economic Development Commission "Welcome to East Haddam" sign as it interferes with the new location of his driveway. Mr. Walter noted that the EDC was going to discuss the sign at their next meeting.

5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Walter discussed the firefighter union issues regarding the change in work schedule for the paid firefighters. The board also discussed the issues with coverage for ambulance calls versus fire calls and the determination of who provides the oversight and direction given to the paid employees.

Mr. Walter also discussed the structural engineering report on the Company #2 Firehouse. He also supplied Mr. Blaschik with a letter from the Building Official with his opinion and review of the structural engineering report. Mr. Walter explained that he was investigating what to do as far as the repairs.

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.

8. New Business

A. Grange Hall – Beer and Wine Approval: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to a copy of a letter from Virginia Matthews, dated October 23, 2012, requesting permission to serve beer and wine at the Grange Hall for a birthday party on November 17th.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to approve the serving of beer and wine at the Grange Hall for a “40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for Virginia Mathews” on November 17, 2012. Unanimous aye.

B. Bid Award – Surplus Vehicles and Equipment: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to a spreadsheet noting the bid winners for the two surplus items. The stove was previously at the Senior Center and the 2001 Tahoe was a retired EMS Squad Vehicle.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to award the bids for the Surplus Vehicles and Equipment as presented. Unanimous aye.

C. Bid Award – Field Renovations at Harris Farm: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to spreadsheet regarding the bid results for the Field Renovations for the Harris Farm. He explained that Beth Lunt, Jim Ventres and Scot Mackinnon will determine the number of acres to be cleared based on the budget available.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to award the bid for Field Renovations for the Harris Farm to Back Woods Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,500.00 per acre for renovations and \$300.00 per acre for option #1 cover crop planting with acreage to be determined based on the available budget. Unanimous aye.

D. Board/Commission Resignations & Appointments (ZBA & HDC): Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to a copy of an email from Stuart Wood, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, requesting two members be removed from the ZBA due to lack of attendance over the past two years. Both members have been contacted regarding submitting letters of resignation but none have been received after numerous requests from the chairman.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Blaschik, to remove Norman Goble as a regular member and Guy Gibb as an alternate member from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Unanimous aye.

Mr. Walter called the Selectmen’s attention to a copy of an email from the Historic District Commission recommending an alternate appointment. This item was tabled until appropriate paperwork is received from the Historic District Commission. It was decided to remove this item from future agendas until the proper paperwork was received from the applicant.

E. 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.

- \$ 63.22 to Taylor Pearson
  - \$159.51 to DCFS Trust
  - \$158.38 to VW Credit Leasing LTD
- Unanimous aye.

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

10. Selectmen's Discussion:

A. 2013 Board of Selectmen Meetings: Mr. Walter provided the proposed schedule for the board to review and be prepared to vote on at the next meeting.

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 11:45 a.m. Unanimous aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett Lyman, Secretary