

Board of Selectmen
Town Office Annex
February 17, 2010
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter, Emmett Lyman. Absent: Pete Govert
Also Present: E. Blaschik, S. Wheeler

1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Walter, to approve the agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 3, 2010: Mr. Lyman noted that he had not yet had time to review the minutes from the February 3rd meeting and it was decided to table the approval until the next meeting.
4. Correspondence: Mr. Walter reported that there was no correspondence to discuss.
5. First Selectman's Report: Mr. Walter reported that he had met with the Board of Fire Commissioners and that they agreed to change the job descriptions of both firemen which will provide the Fire Chief and Ambulance Association with more scheduling flexibility.

Mr. Walter stated that he had received a list of the State's bond cancellations and noted that a \$10M and \$5M bond for the Goodspeed had been cancelled. Mr. Blaschik advised that neither of the bonds had been intended for the actors' housing project.

6. Citizen's Concerns: No citizen's concerns were voiced at the meeting.
7. Unfinished Business
 - A. 4-8 Middle School: There was no update on this item.
 - B. Goodspeed Opera House Update: Mr. Blaschik advised that they were waiting for the Heath Department to sign-off on the permit for the new water system. In response to a question from Mr. Walter, he stated that he did not think there was any need for the Town to intervene at this time.
 - C. Old Middle School: There was no update on this item.
 - D. State Police Contract (Resident State Trooper): Mr. Walter reported that he had met with the State Police; however, the Commissioner's assistant was not available to provide feedback regarding the recommendations suggested by the Town's attorney.
 - E. Road Acceptance and Associated Drainage Easement –Meadow Brook Road: Mr. Walter advised that this Agenda item was not yet ready for discussion.
 - F. STEAP Power House Road Grant: Mr. Walter advised that the Town has not yet received the modified agreement back from the State.

8. New Business

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

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, 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 Hall on Town Street in the said Town of East Haddam at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 for the following purposes, to wit:

Item 1: To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED, that Mark B. Walter, First Selectman of the Town of East Haddam be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of East Haddam, an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and a Conservation and Public Recreation Easement and Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance of \$240,000.00 to acquire permanent interest in land known as the Sabine Property, East Haddam OSWA 329, and to manage said land as open space pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

IN ADDITION, Mark B. Walter is hereby authorized to enter into such agreement, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said grant funds be returned to the general fund in accordance with the December 27, 2007 Town Meeting approval for said purchase.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that Mark B. Walter was elected First Selectman and his term of office began on November 7, 2007 and will continue until November 8, 2011. As the First Selectman, Mark B. Walter serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of East Haddam and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of East Haddam.

Item 2: To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance:

RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of East Haddam a five-year contract with the East Haddam Ambulance Association as sole provider of BLS emergency ambulance transport (R-2) service and primary provider of first responder (R-1) service on behalf of the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town establish an Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with section 3.1 of said agreement.

Unanimous aye.

B. Volunteer of the Month: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a nomination form in their meeting packets submitted by Ms. Denette recommending that Mr. Ed Blaschik be named as Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Denette's nomination form noted Mr. Blaschik's service to the Town through his participation on the "*Cable Advisory Board representing East Haddam for over 15 year, MCSS ... Board of Assessment Appeals Chairman*". Mr. Walter and Mr. Lyman noted several other Town Commissions that Mr. Blaschik has served on.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to name Edward Blaschik as a volunteer of the month for February 2010. Unanimous aye.

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

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

- \$121.58 to GMAC
- \$ 20.91 to Peter A. Kayser
- \$372.34 to Daimler Chrysler Services

Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

10. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Budget Meeting Schedule: The Selectmen discussed the budget meeting schedule included in their meeting packets. No changes were made to the schedule.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Walter, to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m. Unanimous aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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Emmett Lyman, Secretary