

Board of Selectmen
Town Office Annex
April 21, 2010
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Mark Walter, Emmett Lyman, Pete Govert
Also Present: W. Brady, J. Ventres, S. Wheeler

1. First Selectman Walter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Walter recommended amending the agenda to discuss item 7H (Open Space Grant Application – Harris & Dean Properties) immediately following the approval of the Minutes of the April 7th meeting to accommodate Mr. Vetres' and Mr. Brady's time. Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 7, 2010: Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2010 as written. Unanimous aye.

7. Unfinished Business

H. Open Space Grant Application – Harris & Dean Properties: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to draft letters of support and contracts of sale for the Harris and Dean properties. Mr. Brady and Mr. Ventres noted that they had done presentations regarding the two properties at several Town Commission meetings and that the Town attorney had reviewed the contracts of sale.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, that the Board of Selectmen supports an application to the State of Connecticut's Open Space Grant program for funds to purchase the Harris property and a Conservation Easement for the Dean property as described in the March 31, 2010 document submitted by the East Haddam Open Space Commission, Land Use Office. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence:

Mr. Walter reported that Mr. Dedusaj had submitted an informal request to expand the deck of the beer-garden at the Gelston House. The Selectmen noted the seasonal nature of the beer-garden and discussed the need for timely reviews and approvals of the plans with Mr. Ventres and Mr. Brady.

5. First Selectman's Report: In response to a question from Mr. Lyman, Mr. Walter confirmed that earlier that day another vehicle had rear-ended the bus the 8th grade students were riding in during their visit to Washington, D.C. He stated that the accident was deemed minor and there were no injuries.

Mr. Walter advised that several meetings concerning budgetary issues are scheduled over the next two weeks. He noted that on April 26th, there will be a joint meeting of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance, and the Middle School Conversion Committee at the Grange Hall to discuss the plans to convert the old Middle School into municipal office space and the Committee's request for additional funds to design a geothermal HVAC system. In response to a question from Mr. Govert, Mr. Walter confirmed that public comment will be allowed at the meeting.

Mr. Walter also stated that a Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for April 29th at the High School, and that, the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance will meet on May 3rd to process the budget to Town Meeting/Referendum.

6. Citizen's Concerns: No citizen's concerns were voiced at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

A. 4-8 Middle School: Mr. Walter reported that Attorney Bennett was still working on surveys for the State and that the bans have been rolled again. He also advised that the previous bonds for the project had been for a greater amount than was needed and that it would have to be rectified with the next bond issue. He stated that the Board of Finance and the Town's bond counsel were drafting an explanation of what happened for the Board of Selectmen and for presentation at a Town Meeting.

B. Goodspeed Opera House Update: Mr. Walter advised that he had no update regarding the actors' housing project but noted that he had learned that the Goodspeed was making another attempt to do a land swap with the State.

C. Old Middle School: Mr. Walter reported that additional work had been done to prevent rain from coming into the building, particularly in the Food Bank. He added that in the near future he would like to begin serious discussions regarding the relocation of the Food and Clothing Bank.

D. State Police Contract (Resident State Trooper): Mr. Walter reported that the contract for the Services of Resident State Troopers has been successfully negotiated with the State and a draft copy was in the Selectmen's meeting packets. He stated that he had received a contract specific to East Haddam from the CT Department of Safety for his signature. In response to a question from Mr. Govert, Mr. Walter advised that the delay in receiving a final contract was a result of negotiations with the State Police regarding their recognizing in their contract constabularies both with and without a union and acknowledging that the contracts of those constabularies with a union would supersede the guidelines of the State Police A&O manual. The Selectmen discussed the chain-of-command as outlined in the State Police contract.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to authorize the First Selectman to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of East Haddam with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety -- Division of State Police for the services of two Resident State Troopers for a Two-year period from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. Unanimous aye.

E. Road Acceptance and Associated Drainage Easement – Meadow Brook Road: Mr. Walter advised that this Agenda item is not yet ready for discussion.

F. STEAP Power House Road Grant: There was no new update on this agenda item.

G. Transfer Station MSW, Bulky Waste, Hauling and Recycling Contract Discussion: Mr. Walter reported that his research found that CRRA was the only alternative available to the Town and that he did not feel that was a favorable option.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve three two-year contracts for Municipal Bulky Waste Disposal Services, Municipal Waste and Recyclables Hauling Services and

Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Services with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. and send the multi-year contracts to the Board of Finance, then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve the five-year contract for Single Stream Recyclable Processing with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. and send the multi-year contract to the Board of Finance, then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

H. Open Space Grant Application – Harris & Dean Properties: This agenda item was discussed earlier in the meeting and is reported on in the minutes above.

8. New Business

A. Bid Award – Mowing: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to materials in their meeting packets titled "2010 Mowing Bid Awards". Mr. Govert noted that, in several situations, the lowest bid had not been selected and Mr. Walter explained that the Town had not previously contracted with the low bidder, who was not local, and that the difference in the bids was only \$5 so he had selected a local contractor that has done very good work in the past.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the mowing bid awards as presented. Unanimous aye. (A copy of the bid awards is attached to the minutes.)

B. Request for Through Truck Restriction on Mitchell Road: Mr. Walter called the Selectmen's attention to a memo from Mr. Thumm, dated April 20, 2010, regarding requests he had received to restrict through trucks on Mitchell Road. Mr. Walter noted that one resident of Mitchell Road had submitted a letter opposing the request. There was a general discussion regarding the request and the Selectmen generally agreed to approve Mr. Thumm's recommendation to submit a formal request for a restriction to the State Traffic Commission; however, Mr. Walter agreed to instruct Mr. Thumm to make the restriction specific as to size and/or weight.

Motion made by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to approve the recommendation to restrict through trucks on Mitchell Road and submit a formal request to the State Traffic Commission for implementation. Unanimous aye.

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

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

- \$ 16.67 to Paul J. and Linda C. Stuhlman,
- \$ 18.76 to Kimberly H. Dodge, and
- \$200.87 to DCFS Trust.

Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

10. Selectmen's Discussion: Mr. Govert reported that he had recently attended meetings of the Local Prevention Council and Clean Energy Committee. He noted that Dave Carpenter had spoken at the Clean Energy Committee meeting and stated that he would like to match Mr. Carpenter's expertise on reducing energy costs with some of the initiatives of the Committee.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Govert, seconded by Mr. Lyman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Unanimous aye.

Respectfully submitted,

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Emmett Lyman, Secretary

2010 Mowing Bid Awards

Richard Shea

Moodus Green	\$40
Nichols Memorial	\$25
Nathan Hale Triangle	\$25
Landing/Main Triangle	\$15
Former Middle School	special

Attention 2 Detail

Nichols Field	\$80
Town Beach	\$50
Town Meeting Hall/Grange	\$60
Senior Center	\$60

Bill's Landscaping

Tater Hill Cemetery	\$60
Ackley Cemetery	\$55
Foxtown Cemetery	\$65
2 nd Yard Cemetery	\$50
North Plains Cemetery	\$50
Bashan Lake Cemetery	\$65
Chester Cemetery	\$50
Mill Road Cemetery	\$50
Millington Green/School	\$40
Mt. Parnassus Cemetery	\$90
Millington Cemetery	\$120
Town Office Complex	\$60

- **Spring clean-up for all sites will be visually evaluated and awarded on an as need basis.**