

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – April 8, 2019 (Approved Minutes)

Lizz Milardo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. at Haddam Neck Fire Department, 50 Rock Landing, Haddam Neck, CT 06424

Larry Maggi and Melissa Schlag were present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment

Lundgren, Mark: commented on the referendum on the Agenda, whether or not we want to spend 6 million on sewers and do we want tolls on our state roads

Buzzi, Brenda: referendum for the budget that the BOE passed is on May 7th in the regular voting locations

Moriarty, Sean: commented that he did not receive a copy of the RFP given to the Board of Education and saw that information on a Facebook post.

Schlag: clarified that the RFP was released to the public.

Thurston, Clark: Is Yankee Atomic still paying taxes? Milardo: Yes. He asked if there is any update. Milardo stated she has a meeting with Connecticut Yankee next week.

Potter, Cliff North Branford: Still offended that Schlag does not give the proper respect to the flag she is kneeling during the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sturgess, Jeff: Commented on HES and the restructuring plan regarding the plan and the cost in the long run.

Munster, Ed: informed the residents of an event happening on April 27, 2019 at the Brainerd Memorial Library - Food for Thought: Taste of Haddam and Beyond

Approval of Minutes:

Maggi made a motion to accept the January 14, 2019 minutes with spelling corrections. Schlag Nay. Milardo & Maggi Yay. Motion carried.

Maggi made a motion to accept the February 11, 2019 minutes with spelling corrections. Approved unanimously

Maggi made a motion to accept the February 27, 2019 minutes. Approved unanimously.

Maggi made a motion to accept the March 14, 2019 minutes with corrections noted by Schlag regarding the retirement of Diane Gondek. Approved unanimously

Maggi made a motion to accept the March 25, 2019 minutes. Milardo & Maggi Yay. Schlag abstained.

Tax Refunds:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Real Estate (01)	
Rocco, Annmarie	\$477.26
Rocco, Annmarie	\$484.86
Cacace, Anthony/Wanda	\$405.90
Nguyen, Leo/Lam, Tracy	\$2,732.63
Corelogic	\$2,054.89
Total:	\$6,155.54
Motor Vehicle (03)	
Ivanac, Jared M	\$141.02
Baccaro, Nicholas	\$164.00
Toyota Lease Trust	\$367.38
Ellery, Keith/Melissa	\$319.00
CAB East LLC	\$78.05
Total	\$1,069.45
Grand Total:	\$7,224.99

Maggi made a motion to accept the April 8, 2019 Tax Refunds in the amount of \$7,224.99. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

New Business:

Sustainability Communication Strategy:

Schlag made a motion to approve the Haddam Communication Strategy. No Discussion. Approved Unanimously.

The Town of Haddam Website <https://www.haddam.org> is maintained by the First Selectman's Office with individual departments updating information on a regular basis. The public has a chance to subscribe to notifications with regarding departments of interest. The calendar includes not only governmental meetings, but also educational/recreational events in town. The website has the ability of two-way communication with a Quicklinks button on the main page for "Rumor Busters" email communication and also direct email to the First Selectman. The Town of Haddam maintains a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/townofhaddam> managed by the First Selectman's Office with designated posters updating on a daily basis. Information regarding town meetings, emergency information, town events, State of Connecticut announcements pertaining to the Town of Haddam and other shared town Facebook pages are posted here. The following Facebook pages are also managed by the First Selectman's Office with designated posters for communication:

<https://www.facebook.com/Haddam-Transfer-Station-174170666868829>

Provide information regarding updates of the Haddam Transfer Station, events, changes, status, and hours of operation. <https://www.facebook.com/HaddamSeniorCenter>

Provide information regarding Senior Center events, news and hours of operation.

<https://www.facebook.com/Economic-Development-Town-of-Haddam-164854914311253>

Provide information regarding business development, events, promote economic development, share local business happenings, commercial property for sale/or lease and promote Haddam as a thriving opportunity for business to be located in.

<https://www.facebook.com/Haddamriverdays/> An annual event held at the Haddam Meadows State Park for anyone to attend, local civic organizations serving food, fireworks preformed to conclude event. The Town of Haddam is very aware of the need to reduce waste by limiting print information but understands not all residents are able to access the internet. Two town publications are delivered to all residents: the Haddam-Killingworth Now <http://www.haddam-killingworthnow.com/> publishes weekly and the Haddam Bulletin <http://haddambulletin.com/> published monthly. Copies are also distributed to town office buildings, library and schools.

Approve additional roads for bonding: Quarry Hill Road, Ague Springs, School House, Crows Nest; additional \$83,000.00 to Rock Landing, Hurd Park and Clark Hurst. For Chip sealing: Weiss Albert Road, Pokorny Road, Country Walk, Stonegate Circle, Hawthorne Court, Brookline Avenue and Little Fawn Trail. \$115, 661.00. Maggi made a motion to approve. There was a brief discussion. Schlag suggested Little City be put on the list next time. Approved unanimously.

Charter Revision Commission: There are issues w/ the Charter & Labor Law. We should not be in violation with State and Federal law. There was also discussion regarding a Town Manager.

Maggi made a motion to open the Charter Revision Commission. Milardo and Maggi approved. Schlag Nay. Motion Carried.

Schlag made a motion to appoint Sean Moriarty and Ed Schwing. Schlag Yay. Milardo and Maggi Nay.

Milardo made a motion to appoint Wayne Ratty, John Fernandes, Michael Battistoni, Kate Anderson, Bill Bowles and Tom Berchulski. Milardo and Maggi Yay, Schlag Nay.

Milardo made a motion to assign the commission to reexamine the following: Labor Law, Town Manager & Value of Property. Milardo/Maggi Yay. Schlag: Nay

Maggi made a motion to have the commission to review the Labor Law and Town Manager position. Milardo and Maggi Yay. Schlag Nay.

Adopt 2017 Resolution & sign MOA re: Homeland Security:

Schlag made a motion to adopt and sign the 2017 Homeland Security MOA & Resolution. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Adopt 2018 Resolution & sign MOA re: Homeland Security:

Maggi made a motion to adopt and sign the 2018 Homeland Security MOA & Resolution. No discussion. Approved unanimously

New Hires:

Maggi made a motion to approve the hiring of Joseph Sapia and Jared Cutler to be hired as Public Works employees. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Set a Town Meeting:

Maggi made a motion to set a Town Meeting to a grant driveway and utility easement across Town Property adjacent to lot #12, 141 Silverspring Drive, Property of Dante Ursini. No discussion. Approved Unanimously.

Bill Warner, Town Planner made a presentation regarding different options that can be taken once Swan Hill is donated.

Milardo made a motion to call a Town Meeting accept the of Donation of Open Space Acreage (Swan Hill) from Regional School District 17 for the value of \$1.00 (adjacent to Haddam Elementary School Property) based on Bill's option 1 per approval of Planning and Zoning. Approved unanimously.

Schlag made a motion per agreement of the Haddam Land Trust for the Town of Haddam to donate that same property to the Land Trust for the value of \$1.00. Approved unanimously.

Haddam Elementary:

There was a discussion regarding the purchase of Haddam Elementary and how much the building could be purchased for.

Schlag made a motion to have a Public Hearing to discuss the purchase of the building & the remaining 10 acres. Milardo Seconded. There was a brief discussion. Motion is amended: to schedule it the same date of the Town Meeting for the Swan Hill Donation the week of April 22nd. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Lundgren, Mark: commented that the Haddam Neck "Squad" Fire Truck came from Haddam (it is a stick shift) and Haddam Neck can drive it. He also commented that the Capital Plan has the replacement of Fire Department parking lots - Haddam Neck's parking lot cannot wait - there are 3 pot holes in it.

Rizzo, Joe: Commented if Haddam already owns 58% and Killingworth 40% can Haddam pay that money to Killingworth?

Luisi, Dan: commented that the Board of Education sell HES and the town stay out of it.

Perron, Neal: Asked if Ague Spring Land also or just Ague Spring Road? He also asked if Eversource paid for Quarry Hill Road, Milardo stated Eversource was paying for Cove Road. He also commented that the Senior Van posting stated the applicant needed a CDL with a class B or C. To drive the Senior Van in Haddam, which is registered as a service bus, you need a F

Endorsement.

McGarry, Robert: commented that the “Squad” Firetruck came to Haddam Neck Fire Department is able to try out this truck without having to purchase it.

Maggi made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli