

Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting –April 15, 2019 (Approved Minutes)

Lizz Milardo called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. at Town Office Building, 30 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Larry Maggi and Melissa Schlag were present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Update on Haddam Elementary School & Swan Hill Property

Swan Hill is going to be given directly to Haddam Land Trust. At the last Selectmen's meeting we voted to have a Town Meeting to accept the Donation of Open Space. We do not need to have that meeting any more.

Maggi made a motion to Set Public Hearing for Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 pm at the Fire House. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Maggi made a motion to send the following question to referendum

Shall the Town of Haddam purchase from the Regional School District No. 17, the Haddam Elementary School building and surrounding 10 acres, more or less, for the purchase price of \$450,000.00 to be paid to the Regional School District No. 17 over a three-year period in equal annual installments starting in July 1, 2020?

Schlag questioned Milardo on comments that were made at a Board of Education meeting on April 11, 2019 and requested confirmation from Milardo. The question was, will Haddam pay the net difference to the Town of Killingworth or are we going to pay the whole price. The Town Attorney's agreed we needed to go with the \$450,000.00.

Schlag asked why are we going to referendum on this purchase? Milardo stated she believes the tax payers can make the decision. There are a lot of opinions. Milardo does not think the Town can afford the building or the caring costs. Schlag suggested we have a survey. The Motion stating "10 acres more or less" is not accurate. Milardo stated that this motion needs to be voted on to meet the Board of Education deadlines. The boundaries will be completed by the May 1st Public Hearing. This is good intent to get this to the next level so everyone would be happy. Bill Warner, Town Planner, is working on the deeds and boundaries.

No further discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Maggi made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm, Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli