

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – September 10, 2018 (Approved Minutes)

Lizz Milardo called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Larry Maggi was present. Melissa Schlag was absent

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Maggi made a motion to add resignations under new business. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment: Giamei Tony Silver Springs Drive. Asked for a moment of silence for 9/11/01.

Approval of minutes:

Maggi made a motion to approve the July 30, 2018 minutes. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Maggi made a motion to approve the August 21, 2018 minutes. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Tax Refunds:

Last Name	First Name	Amount
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Real Estate (01)

Garthwaite	Robert	\$2,601.59
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Taliercio	Joseph	\$3,613.14
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\$6,214.73

Motor Vehicle (03)

Ally Financial		\$227.25
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Barton	Amy	\$27.89
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Bayley	Eliska/Stephen	\$5.07
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Brown	Jason	\$28.49
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Damico	Mary	\$52.07
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Dondzik	Deborah	\$26.62
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Enterprise FM Trust		\$265.76
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Geist	Robert	\$282.68
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Honda Lease Trust		\$82.52
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Kapitulik	David/Sharon	\$21.16
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Kapitulik	David/Sharon	\$10.14
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Lavelle	Agatha	\$277.92
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Mazzotta	Corinne	\$114.90
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Schroeder	Linda/Raymond	\$39.36
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Spooner	Eric	\$279.50
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Spooner	Eric	\$149.67
Thompson	Joseph A.	\$16.17
Todd	Seneca	\$32.10
Zanelli	Donna	\$46.43
Total		\$2,223.75
Grand Total:		\$8,438.48

Maggi made a motion to approve the September 10, 2018 Tax Refunds. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

New Business:

Resolution re: Sustainable CT

There was a brief discussion regarding the resolution. Jeff Lord, Robin Munster, Kristin Battistoni, Jessica Condil and Lizz Milardo. This resolution is an ongoing process looking at recycling, infrastructure, energy savings within our community and help make Connecticut sustainable on many different levels.

The Town of Haddam

Resolution Supporting Participation

In the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is a comprehensive, statewide, action-oriented voluntary certification program, built by and for municipalities, with the vision that: *Sustainable CT communities strive to be thriving, resilient, collaborative, and forward-looking. They build community and local economy. They equitably promote the health and well-being of current and future residents. And they respect the finite capacity of the natural environment.*

WHEREAS, Sustainable CT is designed to boost local economies, help municipal operations become more efficient, reduce operating costs, and provide grants and additional support to municipalities.

WHEREAS, The Town of Haddam embraces an ongoing process of working toward greater sustainability, selecting which actions it chooses to pursue from the voluntary menu of actions provided by Sustainable CT.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Haddam that we do hereby authorize Elizabeth Milardo to serve as the Town of Haddam's Sustainable CT contact person for the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification process and authorize her to complete Municipal Registration on behalf of the Town of Haddam.

RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within the Town of Haddam on matters of sustainability, and in order to promote the Board of Selectmen's local initiatives and actions toward Sustainable CT Municipal Certification, The Town of Haddam, Board of Selectmen, establishes an advisory Sustainability Team.

RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the Sustainability Team must be held within 90 days of passing this resolution and that the Sustainability Team shall meet as frequently as needed, but no less than quarterly.

RESOLVED, that the Sustainability Team shall report annually to the [Board of Selectmen on the progress of its activities toward Sustainable CT certification, with reports and presentations made publicly available.

Maggi made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting Participation in the Sustainable CT Municipal Certification. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Discussion of Nason Dam:

About 10 months ago the Nason properties came out of bankruptcy. The town inherited the open space and the lots that were not sold at that time. The Dam came with all that. The last time the Dam was inspected was 2012 and it passed the inspection. The structure is still fine, there are some safety components that need to be addressed. There is a lot of overgrown brush that has grown over the past several years. Our Town Engineers and the DEEP Engineers have walked the property with me. We were given an estimate on the price to fix all the safety issues. We need to start the conversation with the Board of Finance.

Transfer Station Attendant: Maggi made a motion to hire Sabine Nyenhuis as a Transfer Station Attendant. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Resignation: Ed Munster has resigned as Haddam's representative on the Nuclear Energy Advisory Council effective September 10, 2018.

Old Business:**Discussion of Haddam Elementary School:**

Milardo stated that in order to have a public hearing on Haddam Elementary we need to have a dollar amount and know what the caring costs would be on an annual basis.

Milardo read letter under record: *Thank you for your email regarding the future use of Haddam Elementary School. The Board of Education appreciates your working with us on this matter.*

In answer to your questions, first, we have not yet determined a sale price. We are evaluating the best way to arrive at that figure and will advise you as soon as we have a Board-approved solution. That could be as early as September, and should also help guide us to a decision on whether the building and grounds will be sold separately.

As to your question about the estimated cost of upkeep for the building once it is closed, our Strategic Capital Planning Committee determined the cost to RSD 17 to be in the area of \$75,000, but be advised that does not include expenses that are covered elsewhere in the District budget: insurance, maintenance and custodial staff expenses, etc., all of which the town would have to assume if it were to acquire the building. In addition, note that this is a cost estimate for RSD 17 to keep the building in a "non-use" condition. Should the town decide to utilize the building in any way, it would have to evaluate the additional cost of doing so.

Your letter mentioned "supporters who showed up wanting to keep the school open as an elementary school." We would like to reiterate that the RSD 17 Board of Education has made its decision to close HES and it will no longer be part of District 17 once a new owner has acquired it. As the current owner, RSD 17 is moving forward to identify possible future owners, including the Town of Haddam. We understand that the town is going through its own process to determine whether there is an interest in having the town acquire the building. Please keep us informed as that unfolds.

Milardo stated it is too late to take this to referendum in November. We would need that to be on the ballot last week. The next time we can do so without a cost to the tax payers would be in May when we vote on the school budget. We will set a hearing for the public once we have more information.

Maggi made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli