

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – October 11, 2022 (Unapproved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

September 12, 2022: Moriarty made a motion to approve the September 12, 2022 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

September 19, 2022: Anderson made a motion to approve the September 19, 2022 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

October 3, 2022: Moriarty made a motion to approve the October 3, 2022 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Stephens, Mark – 33 Maple Ave “East” would like to know What other towns have their Public Works Department in the center of their Village or Town. How did they do that? What does it look like?

Selectman's Update: Attached as Schedule I

Anderson:

Haddam River Days, October 2nd the weather was not great, it was still a great turn-out. Thank-you to all the volunteers who helped make this event successful.

Fall Festival, which will include Grims' Haunted House, will be on Friday, October 28th - Sunday October 30th. There will be a Tractor Parade on Saturday, Trunk or Treat, a kids festival and a concert.

Holiday Season,

Tylerville will have tree lighting on December 2nd from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Parking at River Valley Provisions.

Haddam Neck will have tree lighting for the first time on December 3rd.

There will also be a tree lighting in Higganum Center, date is to be determined.

There will be a “Pop-Up Holiday Market” at HES. All money collected through donations will be donated to the Haddam Fuel & Food Bank.

Board of Education Update: (Attached as Schedule II)

Tax Refunds: Anderson made a motion to accept the tax refunds in the amount of \$3,301.63. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. (Attached as Schedule III)

New Business:

Discuss the purchase of the Rossi Property: Town Planner, Bill Warner, made a presentation to the Board.

Schedule Public Hearing: Moriarty made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing on November 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm to discuss the Rossi property. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Schedule Town Meeting: Anderson made a motion to Schedule a Town Meeting for November 9, 2022 at 7:00 pm to vote on the purchase of the Rossi property, election of the Board of Education seat and the reappointment of the HK Recreation Authority. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: N/A

Next Meeting date/place: The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 14, 2022** and will be held at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Adjournment: Anderson made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2022-10-11

Projects

- Rossi Property – On agenda
- Scovil Hoe
 - P&S agreement cleared OPM, returned to DOT.
 - Selected VHB as the environmental consultants to oversee remediation. T&B lodged concern with DECD which we addressed.
- Swing Bridge –
 - Groundbreaking held Sept 23rd.
 - Continued mechanical problems.
 - The rumor the project has been delayed 1 year is false.
- Bridge Road Sidewalks – No change.
- Beaver Meadow Road Culvert – The box culverts have been installed. I attended the onsite progress meeting on 10/6.
- Haddam Center Sidewalks –
 - Will finish sidewalk without moving the wire in the vicinity of Field Park Dr.
 - Signs, RFBs & crosswalk markings remain to be done.
- HES – Interviewed & selected architectural firm – Hibbard & Rosa.
- Private Projects – Nothing to report

Personnel – Trooper Rochette reassigned.

Other

- COVID – Bivalent booster available. (I'm not reporting case numbers. I think they have become meaningless with widespread at home testing.)
- Flu clinic held at HES on Oct 5th. 75 shots administered
- Land records available online
- HVFD property at old firehouse deeded to the town.
- HHW collection held at HES Oct 1st.
- Reminder of elections November 8th.

Summary of September 2022 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Cougar Pride

HKHS student Alex Lara presented his drawing titled "Parabola" which won the Congressional District Art Competition. The message of the piece was based around the rise and fall of civilizations over time, and each segment represents New York City through time from the colonial period until today and into the future. The piece is currently hanging in the US Capitol Building in Washington DC until June 2023.

Athletic Director Lynne Flint presented on the numerous athletic accolades from the 2021-22 school year. She also reported that all athletic teams are fully staffed including a full-time athletic trainer. Also, the Football team has begun wearing Guardian Caps on their helmets which reduce the severity of concussions.

Food Services

Food Services is facing a shortage in staffing. The efforts of Director Shettleworth to ensure department operation have been greatly appreciated, and talent management is looking at options to fill vacant positions.

Fiscal Department

David Solin and his team completed and submitted the annual state financial reports including the EKMS Grant and the EFS Grant. Finance is continuing to support the work of the Annual Financial Audit.

NEW BUSINESS

Class Rank

HKHS Principal Donna Hayward shared the upcoming move to a GPA Distribution Model instead of our current Class Rank Model. This will better align with the Board's Vision of the Graduate in areas such as maintaining a growth mindset and reflecting upon feedback as opportunities to adapt and improve upon learning. Powerschool will continue to rank students and will be readily available upon request to parents. The positions of Valedictorian and Salutatorian will remain in place. The new GPA distribution model will be implemented with this year's incoming Freshmen (Class of 2026).

High School Air Conditioning Project

Peter Sonski presented on the air conditioning units at HKHS which are original to the building and have begun to fail. There are currently 5 units not working, which cannot be fixed or replaced due to outdated materials and technology, and a long-term solution will not be feasible within this academic year due to sourcing delays. Mr. Sonski made the request for the district to perform an analysis on how to best address this issue.

KES/BES Lighting Project

The Board approved a proposal from Secure Energy Solutions to upgrade the lighting at Burr and Killingworth Elementary Schools to LED. The cost will be at a 0% interest rate over 48 months and will cost approximately \$30,000 per year each of the four years. The result will be long-term energy savings in both buildings.

Member Update

Haddam BoE member Brenda Buzzi will be withdrawing from the Board as she is moving out of the district. Brenda will be dearly missed by all, and we wish her the very best in her new home.

ON OUR WEBSITE:

The 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, District Core Values and District Vision can be found on the RSD17.org District Website under "District"

Last Name **Bill Number** **Amount** **Prior/Current**

Real Estate (01)

Lereta	2021-01-2044	\$11.83	current

Total: **\$11.83**

Personal Property (02)

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Total: **\$0.00**

Motor Vehicle (03)

Rousseau, Jeffrey	2021-03-57847	\$13.52	current
tranhese, marisa	2021-03-59164	\$25.54	current
cutler, michael	2021-03-52125	\$15.52	current
acar leasing	2021-03-50025	\$554.46	current
zordan, dana	2021-03-59986	\$44.32	current
hyundai	2021-03-54285	\$428.07	current
peloquin, paul	2021-03-57085	\$77.36	current
brewer, jean	2021-03-51062	\$39.41	current
beckwith, richard	2021-03-50608	\$71.54	current
ryon gary	2021-03-57949	\$13.32	current
palmer, timothy	2021-03-56915	\$18.46	current
ally financial	2021-03-59287	\$249.49	current
Pepitone, James	2021-03-60037	\$53.19	current
ccap Leasing	2021-03-51624	\$519.28	current
vault trust	2021-03-59284	\$371.56	current
toyota lease	2021-03-59155	\$600.78	current
toyota lease	2020-03-58982	\$158.87	prior
Susan Bijeveled	2021-03-50767	\$35.11	current

Total **\$3,289.80**

Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)

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Total: **\$0.00**

Grand Total: **\$3,301.63**