

## **Board of Selectmen's Meeting – November 14, 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:** Moriarty made a motion to approve the agenda. There was a brief discussion to amend the agenda, adding the appointment to Board of Finance. Motion made to approve the agenda as amended. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes: October 11, 2022:** Anderson made a motion to approve the October 11, 2022. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Selectman's Update:** Attached as Schedule I

**Anderson:** The Fall Festival was the last weekend in October. The turnout was phenomenal. Thank you to everyone who made it happen. Raised more than \$6,000 for the Haddam Fuel/Food Bank.

The pop-up market will open this Friday, November 18th and will run 5 weekends in a row. Thursday – Sunday. The dates & hours will be posted in front of HES. Thank you to Bill Warner & Debbie Talbot for assisting in making this happen. The proceeds for the pop-up market will go to the Haddam Fuel & Food Bank.

**Tree Lighting:** The Tylerville Tree Lighting is Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Haddam Neck Tree Lighting is December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

December 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Clause will be visiting the Haddam Pop-Up Market from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at HES.

**Board of Education Update:** (Attached as Schedule II)

**Tax Refunds:** Anderson made a motion to accept the tax refunds in the amount of \$18,017.73. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. (Attached as Schedule III)

**New Business:**

**Hire Public Works Maintainer:** Moriarty made a motion to hire Daniel Pucillo. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resignation of Haddam Parks & Recreation Commission:** Daniel Belanger resigned from Haddam Parks & Recreation Commission.

**Resignation of Director of Senior & Social Services:** Jessica Condil resigned from her full-time position as the Director of Senior & Social Services. She will continue to work part-time during the transition period. She will be missed, this is a huge loss to the town.

**Discussion of hiring process of the Director of Senior & Social Services:** There was a brief discussion regarding the hiring process. Anderson & Moriarty both expressed interest in being involved in the interview process if the interviews can be conducted after 4:30pm. If they cannot attend the meetings, the interview panel will be JoAnn Ricciardelli, Jessica Condil and Robert McGarry.

**Board of Finance Appointment:** Moriarty made a motion to appoint Steve Bayley to the Board of Finance. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** Anderson asked if there was an update on cell phone towers: McGarry stated last month when he spoke with Homeland Towers they stated it was in FAA Control. He will follow up with another call this month.

**Next Meeting date/place:** The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, December 12, 2022** and will be held at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438 at 6:30pm.

**Adjournment:** Moriarty made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

## **BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2022-11-14**

### **Projects**

- Rossi Property – See below
- Scovil Hoe
  - DOT sale to Haddam approved. Will close soon.
  - DECD has not objected to our selection of VHB as the environmental consultants to oversee remediation. T&B lodged concern with DECD which we addressed.
- Swing Bridge –
  - Weight limits lowered Nov 11<sup>th</sup> to 16 tons for all trucks. (Shouldn't affect school busses.)
  - Proposed pick up point during closures for Haddam Neck students has been moved to the Haddam Neck Covenant Church, 17 Haddam Neck Rd. East Hampton
- Bridge Road Sidewalks – The mailbox should be moved this week. Retaining wall by the plaza being constructed.
- Beaver Meadow Road Culvert – On-going. Contractor has been told the road has to be open for the winter
- Haddam Center Sidewalks –
  - Signs, pedestals, RFBs & crosswalk markings remain to be done.
- Private Projects – Nothing to report

### **Personnel –**

- Daniel Bolanger submitted his resignation from Haddam and Recreation Commission. We'll post the vacancy and seek volunteers.
- 2 other items on the agenda

### **Other**

- FLAP Grant – We were the only applicant from CT. \$320k was set aside for the state. We've been asked if we need to increase our cost estimate.
- Elections November 8<sup>th</sup> went well. Town-wide voter turn-out 71.7%
- Town Meeting held on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Approx. 140 attended.
  - Tony Giamei moderated.
  - Purchase/lease of Rossi property approved.
  - Transfer of \$1.1M from General Fund to Capital approved
  - Reappointments to HK Recreation Authority approved (Peter Christopher, David Law, Jason Lonergan and Jennifer O'Neal).
  - Prem Aitahl elected to fill vacant BOE seat. Was sworn in today.

**Summary of October 2022 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Cougar Pride**

HKIS Principal Eric Larson introduced the 2022-2023 elected Student Council members who provided the Board with examples of the initiatives that they would like to accomplish this year. Some examples are raising money for children's hospitals, creating a recess shed for materials to be readily available outside, and fundraisers for animal shelters. There are three student council advisors that will assist with prioritizing the ideas and creating a plan with to move forward with the projects.

HKMS Principal Dolores Bates presented on the recognition of HKMS as a Special Olympics Unified Champion School for their efforts to provide inclusive sports and activities for students with and without disabilities. HKMS achieved this honor by meeting national standards of excellence in the areas of inclusion, advocacy, and respect. Principal Bates introduced three students who spoke to the Board about their experiences in the Unified Sports program. CT Unified Sports Director, Bob Hale recognized HKMS as one of four new schools to be recognized this year as a National Unified Champion School for 2021-2025. Mr. Hale presented a banner that will be proudly displayed at the HKMS.

**Student Representatives**

The Board is thrilled to welcome our new student representatives: Senior Callen Powers and Junior Madison Moriarty. Callen and Madison reported on the 8th grade preview night and 9th-11th graders taking the PSATs while Seniors worked on post-secondary planning. The Fall play, "This Is A Test" will take place the first week in November. They reported that Fall sports have had a strong start to the season and advised on fundraising efforts. On November 16th there will be the "Names Can Really Hurt Us" assembly which increases awareness of diversity and equity and also allows students to connect on topics of identity.

**Enrollment**

The current October 1<sup>st</sup> student enrollment count was 1819, up 26 students from last year.

**Academic Awards**

Alexander Engler, Abigail Jones, and Andrew Melnick were named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program for scoring in the top 50,000 students who took the PSAT across the nation.

**Operations**

Superintendent Wihbey updated the Board on the free HVAC clean air audit to be completed at HKHS in preparation for the submission of an HVAC grant.

**Food Services**

Three new hires bring the department to full staffing, and we also now have an HKHS senior intern who is interested in a career in food service.

**Recent HK Graduates**

HKHS Principal Donna Hayward provided data on recent graduates, reporting that there has been an overall increase in students choosing higher education with small decrease in the applications sent to the most competitive schools. Principal Hayward noted that there were a high number of students who pursue majors in Health and Science.

**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"

# November 14, 2022 - Board of Selectmen Meeting - Schedule III

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Prior/Current</u>
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**Real Estate (01)**

maron, sharon	2020-01-2281	\$4,783.48	prior
Town and Country Nursery	2020-01-1435	\$92.94	prior
k brothers llc	2020-01-2016	\$3,810.64	prior
kjh corp	2020-01-2918	\$993.42	prior
kjh corp	2020-01-2919	\$957.41	prior
rogers reality	2020-01-30825	\$1,065.78	prior
reynolds, gail	2020-01-3017	\$2,578.27	propr
XAVIER, JACQLYN	2020-01-2257	\$79.52	prior
Maher, Helen	2019-01-1099	\$6.87	prior
lantz, diane	2020-01-2104	\$117.20	prior

pd in full in July and again in Dec  
made three pymnts on this property  
made three payments on this property  
paid full in July and again in December  
paid full in July and again in December  
owner paid both installments and attorney pd one  
paid full in July and again in December  
  
paid the amount on  
the 2019 bill

**Total: \$14,485.53**

**Personal Property (02)**

country road trucking	2021-02-40105	\$7.92	current
klimaszewski, charles	2020-02-40240	\$50.05	prior

**Total: \$57.97**

**Motor Vehicle (03)**

scileppi, vincent	2021-03-58155	\$407.52	current
SHEPARD, JILL	2021-03-58272	\$232.55	current
carr, zachary	2021-03-51518	\$7.24	current
damato, timothy	2021-03-52208	\$37.96	current
tellechea jose	2020-03-58790	\$55.73	prior
jantsch, michael	2021-03-54397	\$32.13	current
buckley, francis	2021-03-51200	\$25.34	current
lomuntad denise	2021-03-55350	\$13.62	current
gronbach, ken	2021-03-53640	\$17.12	current
estes, jeann	2021-03-52840	\$148.59	current
toyota lease	2020-03-58991	\$283.87	prior
wallin, nancy	2021-03-59402	\$242.47	current
fabian, peter	2021-03-52868	\$11.90	current
williams, gregory	2020-03-59572	\$28.69	prior
ccap leasing	2021-03-51622	\$684.01	current
ccap leasing	2020-03-51651	\$347.49	prior
jp morgan	2020-03-54495	\$424.83	prior
morhnineway, laurie	2021-03-56337	\$31.68	current
arseneault, michael	2021-03-50355	\$70.84	current
tefft, kyle	2021-03-58921	\$345.67	current

mailed out reminder  
of refunds 10-14 to 10-  
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**Total \$3,449.25**

**Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)**

white, jared	2020-04-81720	\$16.63	prior
pettersen, charlotte	2019-04-80964	\$8.35	prior

**Total: \$24.98**

**Grand Total: \$18,017.73**