

Selectmen's Meeting – July 1, 2015

Schlag called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the TOB Conference Room. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Minutes – June 17th and Special Meeting June 22, 2015: Donlan moved to accept June 17th minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Donlan moved to accept the June 22nd Special BOS minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Ed Munster questioned the BOS regarding where the BOS can set a policy impacting elected officials. The elected officials are voted in by the legislative body. Schlag feels that if the elected officials are receiving benefits and pensions from the town they need to be accountable like all employees of the town.

Dave Esposito asked about the status of the building official's position. He stated the town meeting voted in favor of the budget. In the budget there is money for a full-time building official. He strongly suggested settling this issue as soon as possible. Having a full-time building official makes a huge difference. Esposito is very concerned about sharing an official with another town. Schlag stated no decision has been made with the Town of Killingworth. They continue to research the possibility.

Resignations: None at this time.

Appointments – BOF, Wetland's Commission, Brainerd Memorial Library, Building Official, Interim Animal Control Officer: The BOS received a letter from the Board of Finance Chairman requesting to appoint Cheryl Haase to fill the full member seat which was held by John Tabak. Cheryl was an alternate on the board. This will leave an alternate seat vacant which will now need to be filled. Duval moved to appoint Cheryl Haase to the full-member position, term to expire November 19, 2019. Approved unanimously.

The BOS received a letter from the Chair of the Republican Town Committee to appoint Curt Chadwick to the Wetland's Commission as an alternate, term to expire May 1, 2016. Mr. Chadwick was at a previous BOS Meeting and expressed his interest and gave his background and why he would want to serve on this commission. Duval moved to appoint Mr. Chadwick to fill a vacancy as an alternate, term to expire May 1, 2016. Approved unanimously.

The BOS received a letter from Brainerd Memorial Library to reappoint Pam Crum and James Simpson for another three-year term, from 2015 to 2018. Donlan moved to reappoint them for a three year term. Approved unanimously.

Duval moved to appoint John Kowalski as the interim animal control officer while our ACO is away. Approved unanimously.

The building official's contract is up July 7, 2015. Schlag moved to appoint Fern Tremblay, Jr. as the Town of Haddam's Acting Building Official for a period up to 180 days beginning July 8, 2015 until the BOS decides what they will do with that position in the future. Donlan and Schlag approved. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Elderly Tax Abatement Appeals: Five applications were received to appeal the elderly tax abatement because the income was over the \$55,000 minimum. Donlan moved to approve the appeal from Harold & Robin Stohlts. Approved unanimously.

Donlan moved to approve the appeal from Erwin & Hollis Burr. Approved unanimously.

Schlag moved to approve the appeal from Richard & Sylvia Lundell. The BOS discussed this request because it was over the 10% threshold. Donlan, Duval and Schlag all denied the request.

Schlag moved to approve the appeal from Robert & Gail Burdon. Approved unanimously.

Donlan moved to approve the appeal from Diane McManus. Approved unanimously.

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to approve the following tax refund.

John Cocomo Jr. or John A. Cocomo III - \$12.73 for a motor vehicle supplement. Excess payment. Approved unanimously.

Old Business – Planning & Zoning Approval of 8-24 Property Acquisition and Registrar of Voters Pay

Increase Discussion: Regarding CGS 8-24 Referral and Report from P&ZC for the acceptance of 13,477 square feet of land that is the western portion of Lot 24-2 on Map 41 and located west of the existing road bed that is the emergency access between Schuler and Gunger Hill Roads. Schlag would like to look at this further and give residents a chance to come and talk to her about it. This agenda item was tabled until the next BOS Meeting.

Registrar of Voters Pay Increase: This discussion was tabled until the next BOS Meeting.

New Business – Award Fuel Bids: Schlag stated she received the following bids from the State of Connecticut DAS Contract.

No. 2 ultra-low sulfur premium diesel - \$0.0091 firm differential with East River Energy.

87 Octane, 10% Ethanol blended gasoline - \$0.0009 differential with East River Energy.

Propane Fuel - \$0.3000 differential with Amerigas.

No.2 ultra-low sulfur heating oil - \$-0.0027 with Dime Oil.

All of the above are based on the average of New Haven Harbor High-low as reported in the New York Journal of Commerce. Schlag moved to accept the State bids as above and award the bids to East Energy River, Amerigas and Dime Oil for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Lori Maggi spoke in favor of keeping Fern Tremblay, Jr. as the town's building official. She feels it's important to have an official that is full-time and has a good working relationship with the residents. There were other residents and contractors who spoke in favor of keeping Mr. Tremblay. Donlan stated he has heard from others that Fern is reliable, has continuity, good relationship and knowledge of services.

A resident questioned Schlag as to if Chatham Health has the capacity of changing rules. Schlag stated State Statutes prevails.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli