

Selectmen's Meeting – October 7, 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 – Special Meeting Sept. 8th and Regular Meeting September 16, 2015: Duval moved to approve the minutes as submitted of the Sept. 8th meeting. Duval and Schlag – yes. Donlan – abstained; he was not at the 8th meeting. Motion carried.
Donlan moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 16th meeting as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Sean Donlan mentioned the recent loss of town resident Walter Zilahy and what a great loss to the Town of Haddam. Walter was not only a resident of our town, but he served on many commissions and truly cared about the town. The BOS send their sincere thoughts to his family.

Reports – Municipal Agent for the Elderly: Lundgren stated activities are starting up again after summer. Lundgren stated the State Legislature made the Municipal Agent position a mandated reporter of elderly abuse. The seniors are taking a trip to Munich Haus on Friday, October 16th to celebrate Oktoberfest. On November 18th the Center is sponsoring the first Energy Assistance Intake Blitz from 9:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. Four specialists from CRT are coming to input applications for this important State program. Schlag stated there was a Senior Expo, sponsored by the Y&FS. Over forty nine (49) vendors and approximately 150 seniors took advantage of the expo to have screenings done at no cost to them. This was also in conjunction with a flu clinic. Hopefully, this will be an annual event.

Animal Control Officer Report: The ACO continues to get calls for various animal related issues. She continues to be responsive to all issues in a timely fashion.

Resident Troopers Reports for the months of August and September: The Resident Troopers are working with the towns of Wallingford, Plainville and Middletown Police Depts. on commercial burglaries. At the end of August the Mobil Station in Tylerville was robbed at knife point. The State Police Central District Major Crime Unit is investigating this incident. There was one fatal accident in Haddam in August.

Sept. Report –All of the car break-ins on Plains Road (from June) have been solved and a warrant has been signed by the Middletown Court for a suspect. The Haddam Neck Fair and Haddam Rivers Days took place and both events went off with no major incidents. There were no fatalities in Sept.

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

Jill A. Daley - \$37.44 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Michael Santopietro - \$191.69 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Charlise Roper - \$138.53 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Maureen A. Kovach - \$67.40 for a motor vehicle.

Kimberly Syrel - \$23.09 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Rhonda M. Gardner - \$57.72 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Eula J. Koval - \$43.37 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

USB Leasing LT - \$169.38 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Patricia L. Griswold - \$15.63 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Jamie L. Prinz - \$107.79 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Linda Milam Mule - \$32.13 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Winifred Waterbury - \$25.96 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Mack W. or Natalie Stewart - \$33.07 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Mack W. Stewart - \$26.20 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Frank J. Sparks III - \$73.29 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Methodist Church Parsonage - \$1,224.29 for real estate – excess payment.

Nicholas J. Messina-Desena - \$201.98 for real estate – excess payment.

Wendy Dopsloff - \$26.52 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

All of the above approved unanimously.

Old Business – Reports from Planning & Zoning Commission regarding 1066 Saybrook Road – to acquire .06 acres of land for the purpose of creating a turn-around at the end of Park Road.

To Support a drainage easement in favor of the town for about 1,000 square feet for property located at 21 Park Road: Schlag received a motion sheet in favor of the above mentioned items. Donlan moved to send to a town meeting for approval; A date and time to be determined. Approved unanimously.

New Business – Award Bid for Chipping and Removal of Brush and Wood Pile at the Transfer Station:

Schlag tabled this item until she gets a chance to call for references. The bid will be awarded as soon as possible at a future BOS meeting.

Discussion of Draw Down at the Higganum Reservoir: Due to residents' concerns, Schlag stated she has reached out to the DEEP to draw down the water level at the reservoir to kill roots of invasive plants. There will be a cost of between \$1,500 - \$2,000 for the DEP to do this. This would be done between November and December and the water will go back up in the spring. Donlan moved to authorize the First Selectman to have the DEEP do the draw down. Approved unanimously.

Charter Revision Commission Update: Schlag stated she has been gathering charters from other towns. She would like to appoint a Charter Revision Commission. Donlan asked if a BOS member can be on that commission. Schlag stated she will find out. It was also suggested that this commission should not begin until after the election on November 3, 2015. Schlag will look into this as well and is asking if volunteers would like to serve on this commission to submit their information to her office.

Public Comments: Schlag stated there will be a celebration at the Higganum Cove on Sat., October 12, 2015 from 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. There will be dignitary at the celebration from the State and Federal officials, DEP reps. and DPA clean-up.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli