

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – December 2, 2015

Milardo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the TH. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Milardo announced that Dr. Malcolm Gorin has passed. Mal was known in town serving on several commissions and boards over the years. Condolences to the family.

Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 21, 2015 with correction: Milardo stated in the Oct. 21st minutes under "Approve Copier Maintenance Agreement Contract" it should read two copiers not four copy machines for lease. Also, under Public Comments the last page, add the word money at the end of the sentence. Donlan moved to accept the minutes as amended. Approved by Duval and Donlan. Milardo did not vote because she wasn't there for that meeting.

Special MTG. November 24, 2015: Donlan moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Sharon Botelle stated there has been a problem with water in the Tylerville section of Haddam for over 30 years. Milardo stated she will be meeting with the DPH next week to discuss this issue.

Award Fire Truck Bid: The fire department went out to bid for a new Engine 6-13 Replacement. Three bids were received by the committee as follows.

5 Star Fire a Sutphen Pumper for \$772,549.20 with a \$5,000 trade-in price.

Firematic a Pierce Pumper for \$749,343.00 with a \$2,500 trade-in price.

Greenwood Emergency Vehicles an E-one Pumper for \$664,998.00 with a \$5,000 trade-in price. The price has been negotiated down to \$642,423 with the trade-in which is lower than the \$650,000 that was budgeted. After a brief discussion, Donlan moved to award the bid to Greenwood Emergency Vehicles for the E-one pumper in the amount of \$642,423.00 with trade-in. Approved unanimously.

Reports – Municipal Agent for the Elderly – October and November: The first annual Senior Information Expo was held and was sponsored by the HKY&FS. This event was very successful. The seniors went on a senior trip to Chicopee, MA to celebrate Oktoberfest at the Munich Haus. Lundgren stated Mary Arrigoni had passed away; she served as chairperson of the Committee on Aging for many years. She will be missed. There were several events held at the center in the month of November. Scheduled events for the month of December are as follows. The CW resources lunch is on the 16th, on the 18th the Yuletide Carolers, in Victorian Costume will be there for an hour concert starting at 12:30 and ice cream will be served.

Animal Control Officer October Report: The ACO, once again, had a very active month with the many calls she answered.

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to approve the following refund.
Gail P. Halleck - \$10.79 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.
Approved unanimously.

Resignations – Building Official and Chatham Health Board: The BOS received a letter from Fern Tremblay, Jr. stating he would be retiring from the town on December 31, 2015, as the town's Building Official. Duval moved to accept the resignation with regret. Approved unanimously.

The BOS received a letter of resignation from Melissa Schlag, from the Chatham Health Board, effective November 16, 2015, due to her not being re-elected. Duval moved to accept the resignation. Approved unanimously.

Appointments – Committee on Aging: Duval moved to approve the following members to the COA. According to the COA by-laws “Members shall be appointed by the BOS for two years, beginning in December following the town election”. The member’s appointments will be from December 2, 2015 through December 2017. They are Gloria Maynard, Sue Horan-DeCarli, Gloria Reiss, Helen Marica, Adele Vynalek, Mark Lundgren, Robert Waller, Sue Rutty, Elizabeth Hartke, Mary Lou Heger, Marjorie DeBold, and Jacquelyn Crysler. Approved unanimously.

Burning Official: At the recommendation of the Fire Marshal, Duval moved to appoint Neal Perron as a burning official for the town, effective immediately. Mr. Perron has completed all of the appropriate training. Approved unanimously.

Acting Building Official: At the recommendation of the Town Planner, Duval moved to appoint Vincent Garofalo as the town’s acting building official, effective January 2, 2016 for up to 180 days until a full-time building official is hired. Approved unanimously.

Street Name Approval Committee: Duval moved to appoint Phil Goff, Thomas Kobylenski and Lizz Milardo as the Street Name Approval Committee for a two-year term, to expire November, 2017. Approved unanimously.

Animal Control Officer: Duval moved to reappoint Daun Kowalski as the ACO for a two-year term, to expire November, 2017. Approved unanimously.

Emergency Medical Services Council: Duval moved to reappoint Doug Dole as the EMSC for a two-year term to expire November, 2017. Approved unanimously.

Fire Dept. Service Merit Retirement Committee: Duval moved to appoint Lizz Milardo to this committee for a two-year term, to expire November, 2017. Approved unanimously.

Tree Warden: Duval moved to reappoint Phil Goff as the town’s tree warden for a two-year term to expire November, 2017. Approved unanimously.

Labor Attorney: Duval moved to hire Siegel, O’Connor, O’Donnell & Beck, P.C. as the Town’s Labor Attorney for a two-year term, effective immediately, to expire November 2017. The fees will be \$215.00/hourly. Approved unanimously.

Chatham Health District: Duval moved to appoint Lizz Milardo to the Chatham Health District, as the town’s representative, effective immediately. Approved unanimously.

Old Business – John Hull – CY Application: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the orange barrier in the CT River by Connecticut Yankee. There were many comments regarding how CY was able to put up this security barrier, which was not their property to do so. All waterways belong to the public. There is currently a permit for the barrier. CY wants to have a new permit which would allow them to put the barrier up any time they want to; which according to Mr. Hull is flawed. Mr. Hull is recommending not to issue, or sign, a new permit. A letter from Alicea Charamut of the CT River Watershed Council will be added to the end of the minutes for the record. It was suggested that if any new work will be done for a new permit for the barrier, that a public meeting should be had to let the public know. Milardo stated she would do that.

New Business: None at this time.

Public Comments: Melissa Schlag congratulated the new First Selectman, Lizz Milardo on winning the election. Schlag stated the trade-in value for the new fire truck is pitiful. She feels the old fire truck should go out to auction to see if the town can get more money for it.

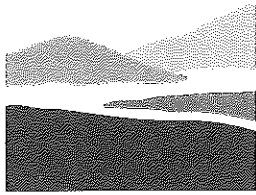
Stanley Grozinski questioned the First Selectman on communications with the town. He feels the town should have a room on facebook where residents can discuss their issues with the First Selectman and get information quicker. Milardo stated having a facebook site would be cumbersome. Milardo stated she would like to do a monthly newsletter on line and try to get rid of the negativity that is going around.

A resident asked if a preliminary agenda, maybe a few days before the BOS, P&ZC Board Meetings, etc. be published and then do a final one so that people have an idea as to what may be on the agenda earlier.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli





CONNECTICUT RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL
The River Connects Us

Lower Valley: deKoven House, 27 Washington St., Middletown, CT 06457

December 2, 2015

Lizz Milardo
First Selectman, Town of Haddam
30 Field Park Drive
Haddam, CT 06438

Dear Ms. Milardo

Thank you for considering the public's concerns surrounding the Marker Permit Application submitted by the Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company.

A regulatory framework or permit for impeding public use of public waters does not exist. The Informational Marker Permit for the barrier intended to block off the channel in Haddam, according to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, is the only permitting option for this situation. Unfortunately, for all parties involved, this situation as applied to this marker permit is a square peg in a round hole. *R.C.S.A. Sec.15-121-A5 Permission Required to Place Markers* regulates this permitting activity which states, "If the commissioner finds authorized markers to be an obstruction or menace to navigation or a hindrance to public use of waters, he may revoke the authorization." So you can see that this permit is being used to authorize an activity that the spirit of the regulation seeks to prevent.

However, we are aware and respect that there are situations where redeployment of the barrier may be necessary and that, however inappropriate this permit may be for the situation, it has been deemed the best method of permitting this activity. It is essential that you as the Chief Executive Authority and the permitting authorities at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection get this right for the public's sake.

Ensuring and maintaining public access to public waters within our watershed is a priority for the Connecticut River Watershed Council. Our concerns with the permit application and process are as follows:

- The conditions for deployment of barrier are vague. Applicable regulations and security threat levels that would trigger deployment should be cited as well as special situations such as power outages or other events that may disable the operation of current security measures.
- As currently written, the duration for deployment could conceivably be extensive. The barrier can remain in place for a year or longer while seeking authorization to deploy at an alternate location.
- Once the permit is signed by the Chief Executive Authority (yourself), there is no opportunity in this process for the public to either participate in the process or to determine if impact on user groups or adjacent property owners was seriously and properly considered prior to approval by DEEP.
- The Commissioner may not be able to exercise his authority to revoke this permit in order to protect public access to public waters due to authorities that trump his own.

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NORTH COUNTRY
802-457-6114

Brantley Buerger, former ISFSI Manager for CY, has given assurances that he had no intention to redeploy the barrier and it is my understanding that current management has done the same. We appreciate the transparency afforded to us thus far. However, management can change for a variety of reasons and without warning. Management changes can bring about a very different approach to public relations and corporate culture. Spoken promises from previous management mean nothing. The only thing that matters is the words on the permit with no expiration date. While we can and do appreciate the assurances of CY and their willingness at this time to do the right thing, we believe it would be foolish to grant indefinite written authorization to hinder use of public waters under conditions that are not clear to the public.

Again, thank you for giving the matter of this permit careful consideration. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I can be reached at (860) 704-0057.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alicea Charamut', with a stylized, flowing script.

Alicea Charamut
River Steward