

Selectmen's Meeting – August 6, 2014

Schlag opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. at the TH. Donlan and Duval were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2014: Donlan moved to approve the minutes as submitted.
Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None at this time.

Reports – July - Resident Troopers: Schlag stated the troopers did an underage check of selling liquor to minors at four restaurants in town and two of them failed. They have given out over 30 tickets to kids at the Higganum Cove.

July – Animal Control Officer: She continues to do an excellent job of taking care of animals, by getting them to their owners and placing animals where they need to be by the many contacts she has.

July - Municipal Agent for the Elderly: The renter's rebate program will continue until October, with thirteen applications being processed for an average of \$468.36. Booklets have been given out for the CT Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to those who qualify. The August trip to Thimble Island is full. Mr. Lundgren is in the process of planning a special September trip to Abbott's in Noank for lunch.

Award Chipping Bulky Waste Bid: Five bids were received as follows, Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. \$9,495.00, Supreme Industries, Inc. - \$18,260, Northeastern Clearing Inc. - \$9,000, Holmgren Enterprises, Inc. - \$15,000, and Harvest New England - \$9,980, which was not accepted because of no insurance information. Selectman Duval questioned how many times a year the chipping has been done. After a brief discussion, Schlag stated she will look into it and report back. Schlag stated the Transfer Station Task Force is looking into having the chips be given to residents and not hauled away, for the next time we go out to bid. Schlag moved to award the bid to Northeastern Clearing, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000. Approved unanimously.

Tax Refunds: Duval moved to approve the following tax refunds.
Luis & Lorraine Rodriguez – Real Estate - \$79.20 – excess payment.
Luis & Lorraine Rodriguez – Real Estate - \$82.20 – excess payment.
Luis & Lorraine Rodriguez – Real Estate - \$84.68 – excess payment.
Luis & Lorraine Rodriguez – Real Estate - \$86.96 – excess payment.
Luis & Lorraine Rodriguez – Real Estate - \$88.44 – excess payment.
Alan Altmannsberger – 2007 Linc Motor Vehicle - \$25.24 – registered out of state.
Thomas J. Ford III – Motor Vehicle - \$45.09 – excess payment.
All of the above approved unanimously.

Appointments – Brainerd Memorial Library: Donlan moved to appoint Renee Mitchill to the Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy for a one-year term from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Approved unanimously.

Old Business – Ancient Highway Oktavec Easement: Schlag stated she was finally able to get the two attorneys' together, for the Oktavec's and the neighbors and they are continuing discussions to come up with an agreement.

Colchester Emergency (KX) Update: Schlag stated she checked into the capital expense the board asked her to check. Schlag stated KX still has a bond for ten years, but the towns are not responsible for any

fees if they pull out. Schlag stated she had Bob McGarry, HNVFC Chief to do testing for Valley Shore Communications and it has been completed with positive results and have forwarded the information to the Tactical Communications and they will run it to usable information for us. Schlag will report back to the board when she has more information.

Solarize CT Update: Schlag stated the solar program is amazing. Schlag handed out a flyer to the BOS from CL&P regarding energy efficiency points which will be helpful toward the Bright Idea Grant and solar systems and panels. We have 237 total renewable energy points at this time, which will give us free solar systems. Currently, we have two kilowatts of panels available to us and CL&P's point system hasn't been updated yet. Currently, we have total energy efficiency points of 92 and we need 100 points to qualify for the Bright Idea Grant. There was a second flyer Schlag presented to the BOS from solarize CT which states the Town of Haddam is in tier five, initial interest contacts of 531, site visits scheduled 303, site visits completed 347, contracts signed 80 and we have a capacity of kilowatts of 787.36. Schlag stated the town will be applying for a grant from CL&P to come and audit all town buildings and street lights. An agreement must be signed by the First Selectman to move forward, which does not commit the town to anything financial. Donlan moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the letter of commitment for the Municipal Bench Mark Program. Approved unanimously.

Transfer Station Task Force Update: Schlag stated there have been two meetings and the next one will be at the Transfer Station so members can walk around and ask any questions and make suggestions. The Task force will be visiting other transfer station sites, increase recycling, and separate metals more.

New Senior Ambassador Group: Schlag stated she put a little blurb in the Bulletin and several people responded. Schlag stated this started when the meals-on-wheels program was taken away from our town's volunteers. This is a way for volunteers to help with seniors in our town that may need help for various different things. The first few meetings will be to see if there is a need for this program.

Dublin Hill Road Bridge: Schlag moved to add this item to the agenda. Approved unanimously. She received a report today on the bridge where the accident was. They poured a new corner post which holds the railing up. All the repairs were paid for by the insurance company of the person who hit the bridge.

New Business – Motorcycle Rally – September 28, 2014: Schlag announced she received a request from the Wethersfield Police Dept. to use town roads for the 7th Roaring Thunder Motorcycle ride to benefit the Special Olympics. The ride will be coming through Haddam on Route 154 to Route 9 North from East Haddam at around 12:15 P.M. There will be approximately 50 bikers with two police officers in uniform and on police motorcycles leading the rally. The board approved the request.

Brookes Court 8-24: Schlag stated Lisa Wadge has completed the road in Tylerville, Brookes Court. There are five lots, two industrial, three commercial that Ms. Wadge wants to sell. This request needs to go to the Planning & Zoning Commission for an 8-24 report to make sure the proposed town road meets all the regulations. Schlag moved to send this request to P&Z for the 8-24 approval. Approved unanimously.

Dog Park: Schlag stated there has been a lot of talk on Facebook inquiring about the possibility of a dog park in Haddam. Schlag set up a meeting with some residents which will take place tonight at 6:30 to see what they propose.

The next BOS Meeting will be held on August 27th due to vacations, at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Public Comments: Ed Munster stated the Haddam Neck Congregational Church received a grant for \$15,000 from the Preservation Trust to redo the wood roof. This is a 50% matching grant. Mark Lundgren asked if the energy Task Force is looking at reducing street lighting. Schlag stated they are.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken from tape by Alice Zanelli