

Selectmen's Meeting – February 4, 2015

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Minutes – January 7, 2015

Special Meetings – January 12, 13, 14, 15 and 20th, 2015: Schlag moved to approve all of the above mentioned minutes. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None at this time.

Continuation of Budget Discussion – Public Works 2014/2015 Current Budget: Snow, Minor Equipment and Repair: Schlag stated that the current snow, minor equipment and repair lines are running in the red. Schlag stated the BOF is aware of this and has approved doing this. If the whole public works budget is in jeopardy of running low, Schlag will ask the BOF to add more money. The lines are running low because of all the storms we've had. Schlag stated she will send a letter to the BOF to keep them apprised of the budget lines.

Appointments – Capital Plan and EDC: Schlag moved to reappoint Joanne Nesti to the Capital Planning Committee for another five-year term to expire February 4, 2020. Approved unanimously.

EDC – Schlag moved to appoint Michael Farina, who has had past experience working with EDC in another town, and Stephen Bayley for maximum amount of time allowed according to the Charter, which is a three-year term, beginning February 5, 2015 and expires June 1, 2018. According to the charter, the EDC "shall consist of up to ten members, but no less than seven". Approved unanimously. Schlag stated she would like to create a hand-book for boards and commissions and give each member a copy that explains minority representation, Robert's Rules of Order, and what is expected from someone who serves on the boards or commissions, etc.

There are several vacancies on boards and commissions listed as follows: Building Board of Appeals, Economic Development Commission, Conservation Commission and Regional District II Mental Health Board. If anyone is interested in being appointed to any of the above boards and Commissions, please feel free to contact the First Selectman's Office. A letter will be sent to the Chairs of the Haddam Democrats and Republicans asking for candidates to fill these positions.

Correspondence: Schlag received the monthly reports from the Animal Control Officer and the Municipal Agent for the Elderly. Lundgren, Agent for the Elderly, stated he is contacting Municipal Agents early to let them know of a planned regional energy assistance Application Event that will take place at the Center in August. CRT, Community Renewal Team, is the State contractor and their Director Walker offered to have this event in Haddam. At the same time, Lundgren will be able to process applications for Renter's Rebate and Farmer's Market Senior Nutrition checks. There will be a trip to the Windham Tech culinary Arts for a lunch on Feb. 19th and on Feb. 27th there will be a Lunch with Haddam Seniors concert Series featuring Country singer and Guitarist Justin Chandler. All are welcome.

IRS Mileage Rates: Schlag received the new rates from the IRS for 2015. The rate increased to 57.5 cents a mile. Schlag moved to approve that rate for town business use. Approved unanimously.

Acceptance of DECD Grant for Jail: Schlag stated the town was awarded a \$300,000 non-matching grant from the DECD for the jail. Schlag stated a resolution must be signed to accept the grant. This grant will allow the Town to plan engineering drawings, economic study and allow the town to apply for

more money in the future. There was money left over from repairs on the roof that Schlag would like to replace the front door for easier access. Donlan moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the acceptance paperwork. Approved unanimously.

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to approve the following refunds.

Raymond J. Hartman, Jr. - \$40.00 for real estate – over payment.

Kzukunft & Sons Construction - \$24.05 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Shawn D. Rockwell - \$65.58 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Jon a. Cassarino - \$108.04 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Edward J. and Annette T. Margnelli - \$5.29 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

William F. Flanigan, Sr. - \$1,203.29 for real estate – over payment.

All of the above were approved unanimously.

Old Business – Update on Haddam Public Health Budget: Schlag discussed very briefly the updated Public Health Budget. It was decided to table this discussion and discuss at a future date.

New Business: Schlag stated Centerplan is ready to close at 105 Bridge Road in Haddam next week.

Because Schlag opposed the sale and contract and voted against it, because it put the town liable for environmental issues with the DEEP, she asked if one of the other Selectmen would agree to execute the documents for the sale of the property. Donlan moved to authorize Selectman Robert Duval to execute all documents for the sale of the property. Approved unanimously.

Donlan stated he was at the Haddam Elementary School and spoke to the third graders. The students would like to come to a BOS Meeting to see how the meeting is run or the BOS can go to the school and hold a meeting there. The BOS will try and set this up.

Public Comments: Ed Schwing stated the town does not have to follow the IRS mileage rate; they can set their own.

A resident stated The Public Works Dept. always runs in the red. Something is wrong for this to happen in early Feb. Schlag stated a 5-year average was taken for the budget. Schlag will investigate further.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli