

## Board of Selectmen's Meeting – February 12, 2018 (Approved Minutes)

Lizz Milardo called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Larry Maggi and Melissa Schlag were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda:** Maggi made a motion to approve the Agenda No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Schlag made a motion to approve the January 8, 2018 minutes. Schlag advised of correct name spelling. Approved unanimously with correct spelling of names.

Schlag made a motion to accept the January 9, 2018 Special Budget Minutes. There was a brief discussion regarding errors. The names of the selectmen who made a motion were not listed as well as errors on who were in favor or opposed and has the same errors in the January 16, 2018 & February 5, 2018 minutes. Milardo asked Schlag to send the corrections to her via e-mail. Approval of the January 9, 2018, January 16, 2018 and February 5, 2018 minutes are tabled until the next meeting.

Maggi made a motion to accept the December 18, 2017 minutes. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Schwing: asked if the residents of Haddam can enjoy the newly acquired lake? Milardo advised that there is no direct access to the lake without going on private property. Schlag stated there are two (2) properties that give access to the residents.

Neal Perron, Haddam Neck: Made a comment regarding the road plans coming up and access to water his families property (167) is willing to have a 10,000 holding tank for the fire department to use on Injun Hollow Road. Milardo stated that he should relay this message to his fire chief and the fire chief can work with the town.

### Tax Refunds:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Real Estate (01)</b>		
Bobbi	James/Karen Hunter	\$548.28
Chez	Pace	\$2,496.08
Pytlik	Richard/Patricia	\$1,490.42
Pytlik	Richard/Patricia	\$501.34
Pytlik	Richard/Patricia	\$141.97
Tomassone	Nicholas	\$194.26
Wojnarowicz	Randolph	\$5,199.70
Liberty Bank		\$6,342.91
Ortner	Alan & Joyce	\$11,499.99
Tomassone	Nicholas	\$1,125.08
Cohen	Robert	\$2,612.81
Battis	Alan	\$174.14
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$32,326.98</b>

**Personal Property (02)**

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**Total:** **\$0.00**

**Motor Vehicle (03)**

Hughes	Darcey M	\$ 12.92
Danaher	Terence	\$ 57.04
Bayley	Stephen	\$ 128.95
Nolf	Justin	\$ 32.17
Sutherland	Frederick	\$ 104.58
Keithan	Joann	\$ 66.17
Brasile	Gerald	\$ 59.47
Johnson	Robert/Doris	\$ 48.11
Toyota Lease Trust		\$ 597.76
Toyota Lease Trust		\$ 147.99
Pollack	Susan	\$ 139.81
Pytlik	Eleanor/William	\$ 93.60
Pytlik	Eleanor/William	\$ 93.60
Pytlik	Eleanor/William	\$ 95.07

**Total** **\$1,677.24**

**Motor Vehicle Supplement  
(04)**

Dahlberg	Ross	\$58.22
Sutherlans	Frederick	\$19.06

**Total:** **\$77.28**

**Grand Total:** **\$34,081.50**

Maggi made a Motion to accept the February 12, 2018 Tax Refunds. No discussion. Approved Unanimously.

**Reports:**

- **Animal Control:** Daun responded to 18 calls. Some are the same ongoing issues. Dogs being let loose. Please make sure your dog in on a leash if you are not on your own property.
- **Municipal Agent for the Elderly:** Eleanor assisted 42 people in the month of January. 5 with Energy Assistance. She helped some residents fill out paperwork for Medicare. She's been assisting some Veterans with getting health insurance.
- **Senior Center Report:** 176 meals were reported with CRT. They are averaging about 10 seniors a day. The center was open 18 out of the 31 days. They were closed with snow days and holidays. The girl scouts visited the center and prepared snacks and played

games. They had an AARP presentation on fraud prevention. A few new members joined in January.

**Social Services:** Jessica serviced 40 adults and 16 children with the Food Bank. Haddam Fuel Bank has helped 9 families, 6 with electric and 3 with oil. The emergency Clothing Closet has helped 7 adults and 4 children. Emergency Planning has been their focus – they updated their shut-in list. She also made magnets with listing of phone numbers in case of an emergency. They are available at the Town Hall, Senior Center and Social Services.

#### **New Business:**

**Appointments:** Infrastructure Committee will work to see if there is any opportunity or not, to study the infrastructure in Higganum Center, to see if there is any opportunity for sewers in that area. There are many empty buildings in that area. When Mike Fortuna was on EDC they worked on that however they were not successful in getting it off the ground. Having a committee to study infrastructure and look at the needs on in the center with people of different types of professional backgrounds including sewers and waste water management is important. The following individuals have been asked to be on the committee: Mike Fortuna, Patrick Pinnell, Sean Moriarty, Diane Ifkovic, Peter Sonski, Kate Anderson and Lynne Cooper have all agreed to serve on this committee.

At this time Eric Jarboe has declined. Bill Organek and Bob Scully are away and Mike O'Brien is in Japan until tomorrow.

Maggi made a Motion to appoint the above referenced individuals to the Infrastructure Committee. There was a brief discussion regarding the list of appointees. Schlag would like to have time to ask people to join the committee. She also mentioned having someone from the Board of Education, Planning & Zoning and EDC and discussed having the scope of the committee be expanded. Maggi commented that we can add to the committee but we can appoint these individuals to get started. The first meeting is currently scheduled for February 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Milardo and Maggi voted in favor. Schlag opposed as she would like to look for additional members before the committee first meets.

**Public Comments: Myles Crete:** Made a comment regarding his concern about Haddam Elementary closing and him having kids in the school system. The superintendent made me feel like “he knows best” and thought he needed to come and say something here. He’d like the Board of Selectmen to do something about the school closing. Milardo stated that the Board of Education has done a study of the buildings. There are a lot of people who have concerns over declining enrollment and making sure they are utilizing the buildings the way they are. Milardo met with the committee on January 16, 2018 at the town office building, the Town Planner and the Finance Director were also in that meeting. They felt that one school closing in Haddam was better than closing the only elementary school in Killingworth. They asked me if the Town was interested in purchasing Haddam Elementary and would the town be interested in moving the Town Offices there. While that’s a great idea, we don’t have the money to do so. There was a lot of discussion about what can go there. It’s up to the Board of Education, they own the building. Make your voice heard. There will be another meeting you can attend.

**Richard Haase:** Made a comment regarding the Animal Control Officer having to make repeat calls and at what point do they get a ticket. Milardo responded with After 2 call they get a ticket.

**Meghan Peterson, Filley Road:** Thanked the Board of Selectmen for appointing the Infrastructure Committee.

**Steve Bayley – 331 Hidden Lake:** Can she list how many tickets she hands out in her report?

**Moriarty:** Thank you for appointing me to the Infrastructure Committee. He commented that he thinks the committee should have a mission statement from the board and the committee can tweak it.

**Schwing:** commented that the East Haddam sewer systems were paid for by the state due to pollution but the taxes went up and no new businesses went to that town. I don't know what that committee is doing, there are a lot of vacant businesses in town – if they wanted to come to Haddam they would be here.

**Meghan Peterson:** I find it very encouraging the grand list went up 4.4% - businesses going in, revenue going up – it's awesome.

**Steve Bayley:** Made a comment in response to Peterson's comment: that it is his understanding that the Assessor got businesses to pay their taxes that weren't paying before– not that there are 84 new businesses in town.

**Schlag:** Made comment that the Grand List went up because of Eversource – not because of the new businesses.

**Milardo** Stated they went up for a number of reasons. Not just Eversource. Every category that we tax on there was an increase.

**Ed Munster:** commented on the negative comments being made and requested we be positive. He also commented on the infrastructure in East Haddam and no businesses came in, but there is the new company JULIA that opened.

**Steve Bayley:** I was not being negative. I don't want you to think that. I just think we need an open dialogue.

Maggi made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 pm. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli