

Special Selectmen's Meeting – May 27, 2015

Schlag called the meeting to order in the Conference Room at the T.O.B. at 6:00 P.M. Donlan was present; Duval – absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

First Selectman Schlag stated that because this meeting is not on a normal scheduled day for our regular meetings, nothing can be added to the agenda or discuss what is not on the agenda.

Acceptance of Minutes – May 13, 2015: Donlan moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Cheryl Haase, Republican Town Chairman, was present to ask the BOS to put appointments on the next agenda. She has a candidate to fill a position on the Wetland's Commission. Two contractors were present to ask the BOS to reconsider the possibility of sharing the building inspector with another town. They strongly suggested keeping a full-time building inspector in town.

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to approve the following tax refunds.
CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service - \$3,864.70 – Real Estate overpayment.
CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service - \$2,566.44 – Real Estate overpayment.
Approved unanimously.

Reports – Municipal Agent for the Elderly: A donation of \$500 was donated to the senior center, in memory of Sig Wyzykowski, from Steven and Valerie Wyzykowski. This donation will be used to help obtain a ceiling mounted projector and related equipment. A sincere thanks goes out to the Wyzykowski family.

There were two changes to the Senior Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Ordinance at a recent town meeting. The changes were: years of residency was dropped to fifteen (15) years from twenty and the age of the spouse was dropped to sixty (60) years of age from sixty two (62).

Old Business – Acceptance of Nutmeg Grant: The Town of Haddam was awarded a grant in the amount of \$39,600 for the 2015 Grant to Connect to the Nutmeg Network. The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance to the town for the build-out costs and for the purchase of equipment and/or services necessary to connect the town's central administrative facility to the Nutmeg Network. Schlag stated this grant also ties in with tourism. After a brief discussion, Donlan moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the "Grant Award" in the amount of \$39,600 from the State of Connecticut, Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Approved unanimously.

Orange Barrier Update: Schlag stated she sent language to the DEEP that was discussed at the last BOS meeting and is awaiting a response.

New Business - CIRMA Insurance Renewal: Schlag stated it is time to renew the worker's compensation and liability insurances for the town for a two – year contract beginning July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017. Schlag stated there is a 5% increase in the policy and that CIRMA, has done a great job, only deals with municipalities and saves us from needing an agent. After a brief discussion, Donlan moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract for a two-year term with CIRMA. Approved unanimously.

Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Agreement: C-PACE is a program to facilitate loan financing for clean energy improvements to commercial properties by utilizing a state or local assessment mechanism to provide security for repayment of loans. There is one commercial property in Tylerville that is looking into solar system installation and would pay through taxes. After a brief discussion, Donlan moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into the agreement with C-Pace. Approved unanimously.

CERC Economic Development Workshop June 10, 2015: First Selectman Schlag announced there will be a Haddam Training Session on June 10, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Station #1 firehouse. The free 2-hour workshop is geared to all within the municipality who impact economic development. Also, the attendees will receive information about research, marketing and general economic development practices, as well as resources and tools available to achieve economic development results.

Patrick Pinnell Speed Mitigation Presentation: Mr. Pinnell gave a presentation about speeding issues in Higganum and the Tylerville section of Haddam and ways to suggest to the DOT about slowing down speeders, particularly in these sections. There was a traffic count and speed count recently done on Route 154 near Landing Road. The average speed was 41 mph in Higganum and 55 – 60 on the Route 82 connector. The posted speed limit is 35. There were 90% of cars going over 35 mph. Mr. Pinnell suggests lowering that speed to 25 mph, narrow lanes by moving striping and place traffic cones. Schlag stated there is a combination of many things that needs to be implemented (i.e. sidewalks by library, senior center and ticketing). When you lower the speed limit, you get larger fines. Donlan moved to petition the DOT to drop the speed limit signs to 25 mph. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: A resident asked what can be done regarding Chatham Health to have a regular schedule of when they are in the building. Schlag stated she has spoken to Thad King and they are setting up a schedule for office work. Schlag stated she is changing things in the Land Use Office to make that department more stream-lined and user friendly.

Meghan Peterson stated there has been no BOS's meeting on you tube like in the past. Schlag stated she has a video of every BOS's meeting since 2007. She does not have the time to upload them. If anyone is interested in seeing a particular meeting, she would be willing to get it for them.

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

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli