

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – May 10, 2021 (Approved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm Via GoToMeeting

Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Remove item number 8, CRAHD from the Agenda, they will not be attending the meeting. Under appointments add Conservation Commission and instead of authorization to sign the HES Contract, it will be a discussion of the HES Contract. Moriarty made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

April 12, 2021: Anderson made a motion to approve the April 12, 2021 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Selectman's Update:

Projects:

- Rossi Property – Meeting tomorrow w/Tighe & Bond to review Phase 2 environmental analysis
- Scovil Hoe – Municipal Brownfield grant application submitted for clean-up. \$1.8M
- Bridge Road
 - Roundabouts –
 - Plan on town website
 - Information Sessions
 - Business Owners – This week
 - Public – June 8 at 7:00 p.m. Online
 - Construction – Spring 23 to Fall 24
 - Sidewalks
 - Waiting for DEEP easement
 - Start Spring 2022
 - Project page on town website – sign up for alerts at <https://www.haddam.org/subscribe>
- Haddam Center Sidewalks (Grant funded)
 - Constructions Easements
 - Project out for bid
 - Bids due Monday, May 24
 - Construction may start this year
- Roads
 - 20 roads in this year's plan
 - Details in *Bulletin*, *HK Now* articles

- Financial
 - Budgets – BOF proposed budget, Operating & Capital, on website. Public Hearing May 12th virtual, Town Meeting May 26th.
 - School budget passed
 - American Rescue Plan – Interim guidance received this afternoon. 151 pages.
- Public Health
 - Covid-19
 - April– 58
 - May to date - 6
 - Total – 415
 - Younger average age in new cases.
 - Test positivity rate, hospitalizations & new cases in CT trending down
 - Vaccine- 16 and older
- Union negotiations on-going
- Private Projects
 - Day Care Brookes Court – Cancelled
 - Brookes Court Apartments – P&Z 5/20, ARC approved 4/28
 - Hope Garden – 7 Island Dock Road, Plan review
 - 105 Bridge Road – Test pits - Septic

Anderson: Farmer's Market starts on June 4th and will be every Friday from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm. The RiverCog and have released the Regional POCD, they are accepting Public Comment and will send out a link for anyone to participate.

Cindy Sola is passing the torch on coordinating putting the Holiday Decorations and we need someone or a group of people to take over.

Board of Education Update: Jennifer Favalora presented the Board of Education update. Attached as Schedule 1.

Tax Refunds:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Real Estate (01)		
Russo, Katherine	2019-01-4257	\$67.43
Total:		\$67.43
Motor Vehicle (03)		
vcfs Auto Leasing	2019-03-59464	\$730.42
Russo, Katherine	2018-03-58011	\$6.74
sattler, brian	2018-03-58157	\$5.00
sattler, brian	2018-03-58158	\$5.00
Total		\$747.16
Grand Total:		\$814.59

Moriarty made a motion to approve the May tax refunds as presented. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:

Salmon River Watershed Partnership Board: Anderson made a motion to appoint Phil Guadreau as an alternate to the Salmon River Watershed Partnership Board. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Inlands / Wetlands Commission: Moriarty made a motion to reappoint Paul Best, Jeremy DeCarli, and Joe Stephens to the Inland/Wetlands Commission. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Commission: Anderson made a motion to reappoint Tom Worthley to the conservation commission. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- **Non-Corporate Resolution Form:** Moriarty made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Non-Corporate Resolution Form. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Realtor contract for listing HES:** There was a brief discussion regarding the realtor contract for the former Haddam Elementary School.
- **2019 Homeland Security Grant Program – Memorandum of Agreement:** Moriarty made a motion to authorized the First Selectman to sign the 2019 Homeland Security Grant Program – Memorandum of Agreement. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **2020 Homeland Security Grant Program – Memorandum of Agreement:** Anderson made a motion to authorized the First Selectman to sign the 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program – Memorandum of Agreement. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Discussion of Leverette Spencer MOU:** There was a discussion among board members as well as public input regarding the attached Memorandum of Understanding provided by the Friends of the Cove. (Attached as Schedule II)

Adjournment: Moriarty made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:32 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

Summary of April 2021 Board of Education Meetings

Class of 2021 Graduation: The Board of Education set the Graduation Date, and last day of school for all students, as Wednesday, June 16th. Using the latest guidance from the state on indoor and outdoor celebrations, Principal Haywood and her team have several plans in place for prom, commencement and Project Graduation to be celebrated in the most normal ways possible this Spring. The Superintendent re-emphasized that safety and mitigation strategies are especially important for our students right now and asks our communities to aid in the effort to keep our students in school and able to participate in these milestones.

2021-22 School Calendar: Superintendent Dr. Hageman recommended, and the Board agreed, to revise the 2021-2022 School Calendar to align RSD17's Spring Break with our neighboring school districts. Spring Break will now begin on April 15, 2022 and continue through the following week. This change also affected the last day of school which is now scheduled for June 14, 2022.

The Effect of the Pandemic on Learning: The Curriculum Subcommittee gave an in-depth update on the most recent metrics on student learning in relation to the pandemic. Cumulatively, learning loss for K-8 has been measured at approximately 10% lower than in previous years, with highs and lows varying between grades and between subjects. Additionally, it has been noted that students who were already in need of intervention support now require more intensive intervention for longer durations of time. At the high school, more students have been struggling with Math, English and Social Studies courses than in typical years. The district will continue to bridge the gaps through intervention and coaching, and plans are forming for summer learning programs for younger students and summer credit recovery programs for high school students.

Diversity Committee: The District Diversity Leadership Team reported on their plans to hire a consultant to facilitate conversations throughout the district on diversity and equity. This collaboration would support discussion and learning sessions with the Superintendent and Board of Education members, serve as a thought partner for the District Diversity Leadership Team and would provide professional development sessions for administrators and staff to enhance ongoing efforts to address equity and increased cultural competence through teaching and learning.

KES K-1 Playground: The Facilities Subcommittee recommended, and the Board agreed, to install a new playground at KES for Grades K-1. The KES playground for that age group was removed last summer due to safety concerns resulting from the yearly inspection. The new playground, which will cost approximately \$25,000, is slated to be installed before the next school year begins.

2020-2021 Budget: The Finance Committee recommended, and the Board agreed, to remove \$169,205.19 from the Superintendent's 2021-2022 budget and purchase these items from the 2020-2021 year-end fund balance. These one-time expenditures include replacing textbooks, worn furniture and broken equipment, as well as updating technology in various schools. **Website:** You can read the April 19th presentation on student learning on our RSD17.org website under District → Board of Education → BOE Meeting Schedules and Minutes → Policy Subcommittee → *Accelerating Learning In The Face Of A Pandemic*.