

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – December 13, 2021 (Unapproved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Town Office Building, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06424.

Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Moriarty made a motion to approve the agenda. There was a brief discussion. Delete CT Main Street from New Business. Motion approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes:

November 8, 2021: Anderson made a motion to approve the November 8, 2021. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

November 29, 2021: Moriarty made a motion to approve the November 29, 2021. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Adams, Maurice: Gates Way Haddam: Hire CT Main Streets to put together a plan. Is there a new deadline on the Rossi property?

Selectman's Update: Attached as Schedule I

Moriarty asked McGarry if there was an update on the sewer project and if there are any cost plans? McGarry stated there isn't anything new, they are looking at a system that can take care on the locations in Higganum Center.

Moriarty also asked about putting together a committee to discuss what the town would like to see HES used for. He informed the residents that he would like to see HES used as a community building, possibly move the Town Offices there.

Anderson: Saturday after Thanksgiving, EDC endorsed a Pop-Up Market at HES. ½ of the money that was collected from the vendors was donated to the Haddam Food/Fuel Bank. The weekend after there were a couple of tree lightings in Higganum Center and Tylerville. Holiday festive in the process of getting put up, this is done by volunteers, we always need volunteers if anyone is interested.

There is a web page on www.haddam.org with a list of needs for volunteers. It will list

The February EDC Meeting will be an Event Planning Summit. The goal is to have all the events that happen throughout the year on one calendar and streamline where we can.

McGarry: There was a house fire at 481 Foothills. It was a total loss, if anyone would like to donate anything please contact Jessica Condil at Social Services. (860) 345-8531 Ext: 222

Board of Education Update: Brenda Buzzi presented the Board of Education update. Attached as Schedule II

Tax Refunds: Attached as Schedule III

Anderson made a motion to approve the December 13, 2021 tax refunds as presented. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resignations: Ann Riebold, Assistant Town Clerk will retire on April 1, 2022. Ann has been a tremendous asset to the Town and she will be missed. Moriarty thanked Ann for her many years of service.

New Business:

Survey and Planning Grant Application/Resolution: Bill Warner made a presentation to the Board of Selectman

Anderson made a motion to sign the Survey and Planning Grant Application/Resolution. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Lion's Club Electronic Sign: President of the Haddam Lions – Mike LaFleur requested an outdoor electronic message sign for the Higganum Center. The Lion's would build, operate, and provide advertising for local businesses for a donation to the Lion's club. They need between \$5,000 - \$10,000. The Board all stated they support the message sign.

Hire Maintainer: Moriarty made a motion to hire David Orefice as a Maintainer with Public Works. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: CGS Section 1-200(6)(A) Discussion concerning the appointment of the Building Official in the Land Use Department: made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Invited to the Executive Session: Anderson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:44 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:53 pm.

Moriarty made a motion to offer the building official in the order in which was discussed in Executive session. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of 2022-2023 budget with the Board of Finance:

There was a discussion between the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen regarding the 2022-2023 budget.

Adjournment: Moriarty made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:22 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2021-12-13

Projects

- Rossi Property – Remediation continues. Bill Warner & I met with Greg McKenna on 12/8. He's still interested in moving Nutmeg Pharmacy there and adding a medical office building.
- Scovil Hoe – Received a draft Financial Assistance Proposal from DECD. Met last Thursday with Parker Benjamin, the proposed developer, T&B our environmental consultants and our environmental attorney to review it. We answered DECD's questions and proposed some changes to it.
- Beaver Meadow Road Culvert – Opened bids on 12/8. Low bid within budget. Jacobson is doing the review process.
- Bridge Road Sidewalks – Opened bids on 12/1. Grant will have to be increased. Jacobson is contacting DOT.
- Private Projects –
 - 105 Bridge Road – Building permit application received for a 42-unit apartment complex.
 - Blueway Commons (Brookes Court) – Groundbreaking held on Friday (12/10). 56 units. Expected completion of the first building October 2022.
 - Hope Gardens (7 Island Dock Road) – Renovations continue

Personnel

- Building Inspector interviews are completed.
- ZEO position will be posted soon

Other

- COVID
 - Cases rising, 55 since last meeting
 - Oct – 21
 - Nov – 38
 - Dec to date 20
 - Vaccinations available 5+ YOA
 - Boosters recommended – 16+ YOA (16 & 17 can only get Pfizer)
- Scovil Reservoir/Chatham Lake/Waterman's Pond Dam inspection completed. Minor discrepancies noted, e.g. vegetation growth. Report submitted to DEEP.
- Composting – Began 12/8 at Transfer Station. By 11:30 1 of the 3 bins for compost was full. 2 ½ bins filled first day, 80 gallons.
 - Sold approx. 46 kits
 - Raised \$\$1393.95. Approved for Sustainable CT matching grant. Hope to raise \$2500.
- Congratulations to Alex & Bridgette Battistoni – Winning HS essay in CCM's Local Government Is Cool scholarship

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Summary of November 2021 Board of Education Meetings

Cougar Pride: Superintendent Jeff Wihbey explained how he will be starting each Board of Education meeting with Cougar Pride, recognizing the accomplishments of our staff and students at HK. In November, the HKMS Unified Sports team was highlighted. HKMS Unified Sports began in 2010 with a partnership between the CIAC and the Special Olympics. This program takes a modified approach to a variety of sports, allowing students of all abilities to participate alongside mentor students and represent HK in competitions. The HK Unified Sports team has won multiple awards in CT and been a model for other schools to build their own Unified Sports teams. Middle School teachers Becky Templeton and Andrea Darmanin were recognized for leading this year's team.

Additionally Superintendent Wihbey recognized the HKHS Boys and Girls Cross Country teams for both winning a Class SS State Championship Title. This is the third time since 2015 that both teams have won in the same year. Additional High School recognitions went to the HKHS Girls Volleyball team for winning the Shoreline Championship, the HKHS Drama's production of *Clue*, which sold out to a limited audience, and finally to the twenty-one students who were inducted to HKHS National Honor Society.

State COVID restrictions relaxed Superintendent Jeff Wihbey reported on two new Covid related updates from the CT Department of Health, which will allow RSD17 to alter operations towards a less restrictive environment for our staff and students. The first allows Districts to open up arts and music performances for parents to attend. The second, titled "Screen and Stay", gives guidance on reducing quarantine restrictions for staff and students after experiencing a close contact at school, whether they are vaccinated or not. The Superintendent will work with the District Medical Advisor, Administrators, and the local health districts to come up with a solid plan and communication strategy to adopt "Screen and Stay" at RSD17.

Social Emotional Learning: The District's Student Services Department is participating in a pilot program offered by the Connecticut State Department of Education that will enable RSD 17 to monitor all students' Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) using the Aperture Assessment System. This tool allows K-8 classroom/homeroom teachers to complete a short 8 question online tool for each of their students, which asks how often a child has demonstrated specific social and emotional skills in the past month. High school students will complete self-ratings during their advisory period. Results will be shared with school teams to identify which students who are in need of additional SEL instruction and/or counseling support. The Aperture system will be administered two more times during this school year for progress monitoring.

On our Website: You can read more about "Screen and Stay" on our RSD17.org website under District → COVID-19 Resources & Communications → 2021-22 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services or by following this link:

https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1629729971/rsd17org/u8c6z432iayxwyuff5pg/CopyofSafeReturntoIn-PersonInstructionandContinuityofServicesPlan_1.pdf

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<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Prior/Current</u>
Real Estate (01)			
Total:		\$0.00	

Personal Property (02)			
Total:		\$0.00	

Motor Vehicle (03)			
Johnston, bruce	2020-03-54460	\$596.78	current
burr, jason	2019-03-51355	\$63.44	prior
totman, jonathan	2020-03-58969	\$100.66	current
toyota lease	2020-03-59000	\$59.24	current
semer, erin	2019-03-81072	\$6.64	prior
vw credit leasing	2020-03-59230	\$632.87	prior
vw credit leasing	2019-03-59539	\$224.43	prior
vw credit leasing	2019-03-59543	\$184.38	prior
honda lease	2020-03-54101	\$263.71	current
usb leasins	2020-03-59096	\$425.48	current
gesswin, troy	2020-03-53330	\$596.54	current
acar leasin	2020-03-50031	\$179.00	current
jp morgan	2020-03-54524	\$245.38	current
vw credit leasing	2020-03-59233	\$252.10	current
beeman theresa	2020-04-80118	\$466.22	current
Total		\$4,296.87	

Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)			
Total:		\$0.00	

Grand Total: **\$4,296.87**