Board of Selectmen's Meeting – April 11, 2022 (Approved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall, 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. McGarry would like to move CT Main Street presentation to after Public Comment. Anderson would like to add Docs on Demand under New Business. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

March 14, 2022: Moriarty made a motion to approve the March 14, 2022 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:
Mark Lundgren read a letter on the record: Attached as Schedule III

Carl Rosa from Connecticut Main Street made a presentation to the Board.

Selectman's Update: Attached as Schedule I

Anderson: Referendum is next month.

Board of Education Update: N/A

Tax Refunds: Moriarty made a motion to accept the tax refunds in the amount of $682.77 Attached as Schedule II No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments: Anderson made a motion to appoint Bob Ruzzo to the Safety Committee. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- **Approval of Teamsters Union Contract:** Moriarty made a motion to approve the Teamsters Union Contract. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Hire Maintainer:** Anderson made a motion to hire Steven Belz as a Maintainer. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Scovil Hoe:** There was a brief discussion regarding Scovil Hoe.

- **Schedule Public Hearing:** Moriarty made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Schedule Town Meeting:** Anderson made a motion to schedule a Town Meeting for Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:00 pm with the Budget Town Meeting. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Anderson amended the motion to schedule a Town Meeting for Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:30 pm with the Budget Town Meeting. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discuss Transfer Station Fees:**
  Moriarty made a motion to raise the Transfer Station Fees. There was a brief discussion. The regular Transfer Station Pass will increase $25.00. The fee for 65 and older will remain at $50.00. The reduced fee pass will increase by $10.00.
  Motion carried unanimously.

- **Schedule Special Selectmen's Meeting:** Special Selectmen's meeting scheduled for April 14, 2022 at noon.

- **Docs on Demand:** There was a brief discussion regarding "Docs-On-Demand"

Old Business: N/A

Adjournment: Moriarty made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned. 7:46 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2022-04-11

Projects

- Rossi Property – No Change
- Scovil Hoe – Finalizing purchase agreement. Open House tentatively planned for Sunday 1 May.
- Swing Bridge
    - Town website updated
    - Bids opened Mar 30th. Notice to Proceed scheduled to be issued June 27.
    - Weight limit posted – 21 tons single unit, 34 tons multiple
- Beaver Meadow Road culvert replacement to begin April 18th. Detour via Hubbard Road. Completion expected end of Aug.
- Rt 154 Bridge 2100 Replacement – In Middletown south of Coyote Blue. Work to start shortly. Expected to continue until Nov 30th. Alternating 1-way traffic.
- Private Projects –
    - 105 Bridge Road – No change
    - Blueway Commons (Brookes Court) – Planning to have buildings completed 1st quarter CY2023. Will be applying for Phase 2 approvals & permits.
    - 1572 Saybrook Road - Application approved by P&Z

Personnel

- TFC DeAngelo promoted to Sergeant and reassigned. Trooper Muckle moved to days. Trooper Thomas Rochette will temporarily be our 2nd trooper, starting tomorrow. Permanent replacement expected to be named in May.
- Dawn Tarbetsky started as Assistant Town Clerk

Other

- COVID
    - Daily case rate is slowly increasing. Monthly cases:
        - Feb – 58
        - Mar – 14
        - Apr to date - 19
- Composting
    - Jan – 2,225 lbs
    - Feb – 2,625
    - March – 4,210
- BeFree Solar – Information on town website.
- Community Challenge grant – Not successful. Will apply for next round

Last Name	Bill Number	Amount	Prior/Current
Real Estate (01)			
cruz, william	2020-01-855	$5.48	current
Total:		**$5.48**	
Personal Property (02)			
damico robert	2020-02-40123	$29.91	current
Total:		**$29.91**	
Motor Vehicle (03)			
hyundai lease	2020-03-54268	$647.38	current
Total		**$647.38**	
Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)			
Total:		**$0.00**	
Grand Total:		**$682.77**	

Board of Selectmen
Haddam, Connecticut
April 11, 2022

Dear Board Member,

I would like to make two suggestions regarding traffic, one in Higganum and the other in Tylerville.

Heading north out of Higganum Center on Rt. 154 there have been a number of accidents with vehicles leaving business establishments and on coming traffic. The accident which happened last week prompts my request to use the Town's Traffic Speed Trailer in both directions in the vicinity of Higgies and Dunkin's. Moving it maybe every other week to keep it noticeable.

The use of the Trailer a while back where traffic was coming into the Center from the south on Rt. 81 was successful. Unfortunately it was never used in the opposite direction where most of the speeding occurs. Maybe it can be used again with the possible mixing time between Rt. 154.

My second request is to ask the State DOT to put off the construction of the "Round-a-Bouts" in Tylerville. The first at the intersection of Rts. 82 & 154, and the other at the Rt. 82 Connector to Rt. 9 & 154. Starting soon will be the Town's Sidewalk Project on Rt. 82, Bridge Road and then the huge Rehabilitation and Sidewalk Project on the Swing Bridge. Adding to this are two Bridge Replacement Projects. The first is on Rt. 82 in East Haddam and the second on Rt. 154 just north of Haddam's town line .

My point being that there is just too much road construction going on at once. A pause of a year after all this construction is completed would be a more reasonable time to build the "Round-a-Bouts" in Tylerville. Additionally, does anyone have the confidence in the State DOT to complete all these projects on time with all the Infrastructure Projects in progress all over the State?

My first request can be started tomorrow, my second request can only happen if all of us get behind it.

Sincerely,

MarkLundgren