

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – July 11, 2022 (Unapproved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06424.

Sean Moriarty and Kate Anderson were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. There was a brief discussion. Anderson amended the motion to include use of Town Green under New Business and add #11 as a standing Agenda item of setting the next meeting date & place. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

June 13, 2022: Moriarty made a motion to approve the June 13, 2022 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Anderson Abstained.

Public Comment:

Ann Marie Pszczolkowski – Owner of Goodspeed Station Country Store, 22 Bridge Road, Haddam: For the past 30 years she's received a Transfer Station pass. This year she was refused because she is not a resident of Haddam. She asked the board to reconsider the current Transfer Station policies.

Baird, Peter: 365 Saybrook Drive, Higganum: asked who owned Seven Falls? Seven Falls is a state park. Baird asked who he can contact about cleaning up the park. McGarry suggested DEEP.

Selectman's Update: Attached as Schedule I

Anderson: Farmers' Market is going well. It will run for the next few months. Fall activities are coming up quickly. River Days is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, rain date, Sunday, October 2nd. Looking to hold a weekend long Fall Fest at the end of October.

Board of Education Update: N/A

Tax Refunds: Moriarty made a motion to accept the tax refunds in the amount of \$2,968.30. Attached as Schedule II There was a brief discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Elderly Tax Relief Appeals: Moriarty made a motion to approve the Elderly Tax Relief Appeals presented with an income level less than or equal to \$65,000. There was a brief discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Transfer Station Policies: There was a discussion regarding the Transfer Station policies, including allowing the use of the Transfer Station to businesses in town and RSD17 for brush removal. Board decided to gather more information before making a decision.

Discussion of use of Town Green: In the past year a few groups have asked for permission to use the Town Green for protests/rallies. There was a discussion regarding the process to use the Green. It was decided that any organization requesting to use the Green would need to apply for a “no-fee permit” If an organization requests the Community Center and/or HES for use in addition to the Green that organization would need to rent the building separately.

Next Meeting date/place: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8th and will be held in Haddam Neck at the Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department, 50 Rock Landing Road, Haddam Neck.

Old Business: N/A

Adjournment: Anderson made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned. 7:23 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2022-07-11

Projects

- Rossi Property – Received the Opinion of Probable Cost (OPC) for remediation from our consultant. Met w/Andy Becker and their consultant to discuss. Their consultant will develop an OPC also. Both sides want to get to the point where each is comfortable completing the sale.
- Scovil Hoe
 - Closing on the \$1.8M grant (Financial Assistance Plan) scheduled for Thursday. This completes the paperwork on our end. Just waiting for state approval of P&S agreement for the property.
- Swing Bridge – I attended the pre-construction meeting on June 29th at the DOT District 2 office in Norwich
 - Met the key DOT engineers who'll be working on the rehabilitation as well as American Bridge Company's (ABC) project manager, project supervisor and regional manager.
 - DOT plans to issue the Notice to Proceed to ABC on July 7th.
 - ABC has until February 2025 to complete the project.
 - ABC expects to start work in late August or early September.
 - There will be a ground-breaking ceremony later this summer.
 - As soon as ABC releases their project schedule, which should include when the 63-hour closures and alternating one-way traffic will be in effect, we'll put it on the Swing Bridge project page on our website. DOT has a website for the project, <https://easthaddamswingbridgeproject.com/>.
 - There will be traffic cameras installed covering both approaches to the bridge
- Bridge Road Sidewalks – Underway. Sidewalks will connect to swing bridge walkway and sidewalks on 154 (roundabout project).
- Beaver Meadow Road Culvert – No change
- Haddam Center Sidewalks – Work started today.
- Private Projects –
 - 105 Bridge Road – No change
 - 1572 Saybrook Road - No change
 - Blueway Commons (Brookes Court) – On June 6th, P&Z approved the second phase of the development. This phase adds one more building with 32 apartments, 16 1-bedroom and 16 2-bedroom units.
 - Hope Gardens (7 Island Dock Road) – Received their Certificate of Need from the state. Interim COA issued.
- New Businesses
 - Oh Fudge & More – 1588 Saybrook Road. Ice cream & fudge.
 - Riverside Steakhouse and Tavern – Former Brookside
 - Swamp Yankee RC – In the Merchant House in Tylerville. RC models, tracks, etc.

Personnel

- Resident Trooper – Tom Rochette assigned as our evening trooper. (Was one of our fill-ins)
- Ann Eirich – DPW, retired. 19 years of service
- 1 transfer station left at the end of his probationary period.

Other

- COVID
 - Daily case rate is decreasing since mid-May. Monthly cases:
 - May – 126
 - June - 47
- FLAP Grant (Pinebrook Road) – No news
- Haddam Meadows noise complaints – Received complaints of loud music at the Meadows. I could hear it at the HNFD, 2.25 miles away. I've asked our evening trooper to swing through to check & to close the park at sunset. Will discuss with DEEP. Christine Palm will mention to DEEP Commissioner.
- Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Decision Rally – 7/9 on the town green. Estimated 75 people attended. Both resident troopers there. EMS/FD/EM on standby. No problems.
- Primaries – Aug 8
- Update from 3/14 BOS Mtg – Scott Brookes complained about retirement processing. We issued an RFP and selected a new actuarial company.

July 11, 2022 - Board of Selectmen's Meeting - Schedule II

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Prior/Current</u>
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Real Estate (01)

Gopinathan, Muraleedharan	2020-01-1468	\$1,725.38	prior
dubiel, zhanna	2020-01-1094	\$60.78	prior

court stipulation - Assessor sued

Total:	\$1,786.16
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Personal Property (02)

ANRG - Jensen, curt	2017-02-40229		prior
ANRG - Jensen, curt	2018-02-40229		prior
ANRG - Jensen, curt	2019-02-40229		prior

These were for Blue Highway. In order to get health permit had to pay. Had money in hand didn't want to send to collection. Transferred money from fee to tax to create overpayment to get money to ANRG.

Total:	\$0.00
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Motor Vehicle (03)			
jp morgan	2020-03-54523	\$739.45	prior
howes, judon	2021-03-54182	\$38.79	current
ESTEVES, JENNIFER	2021-03-52841	\$307.27	CURRent
haynosch, jeffrey	2019-03-54069	\$96.63	PRIOR

Total	\$1,182.14
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Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)

Total:	\$0.00
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Grand Total: **\$2,968.30**