

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – March 8, 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: Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

February 4, 2021: Anderson made a motion to approve minutes as amended.

There was a brief discussion to take out “tabled” in “discussed, approved and tabled” no further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

February 8, 2021: Moriarty made a motion to approve the February 8, 2021 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

February 9, 2021: Anderson made a motion to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

February 11, 2021: Moriarty made a motion to approve the February 11, 2021 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Frey, Frank: 27 Crabapple, Haddam: Expressed his concern with the course of events over the past few months, Saybrook Road application by Rob Lloyd and the Walkley Hill Subdivision. The Town Planner made a proposal to waive the open space requirements that have been in effect for years for subdivisions, fortunately, it did not happen. Frey also discussed the Lloyd application and the process the Planning and Zoning Commission should follow. He also commented on the job description and duties of the Town Planner. He also commented on the COVID Executive Orders and the meeting process that should take place.

Selectman's Update

Projects

- Rossi Property – Phase II Environmental assessment is underway this week.
- Bridge Road Sidewalks – construction is slated to start late summer, early fall.
- Building projects, for private funding.
 - Brookes court for 80-unit apartments in multiple buildings which will be 1- & 2-bedroom units.
 - 105 Bridge Road. We have a developer who is proposing multi-unit housing.
 - 7 Island Dock Road will be turned into an upscale women's rehabilitation or wellness center. The permit has been received and the process has started for that building to be converted and used for that purpose.

- **Financial**

- Finance Director hired; Ann Harter accepted an offer of employment. She has a long history of municipal experience. She will start on April 5, 2021.
- Budgets – BOS has a few budgets to tweek and approve. Capital Budgets have been received and will be reviewed.

- **Public Health** (presented by Scott Martinson of CRAHD)

- 9,000 vaccinations as of tonight and had the first Johnson & Johnson clinic tonight.
- Vaccinated ~ 1200 educators& daycare workers. 600 more are scheduled for this week. Haddam has had good coverage rates, due to CRAHD, nutmeg pharmacy and other efforts through Haddam.
- Lots of family transmission. Cases continue to drop.
- If any 75+ year old still need vaccines please sent them our way!

New Cases in Haddam: (provided by First Selectman)

January 2021 - 67, February 2021 –24, March 2021 (to date) 4

Total of 279 cases since March 2020.

55 and older are eligible to get their vaccine. Social Services is assisting in making appointments. If anyone needs help, please reach out to Jessica Condil.

Nutmeg Pharmacy held a clinic at the school this Saturday. Walgreens, Walmart and CVS are offering vaccinations and the VA is also offering vaccines to any age for any eligible veteran.

- **Union Negotiations:** the town will begin negotiating the union contracts. Last year we extended them for the year.

Moriarty: Commented that there is more damage to the back of the building at Scovil Hoe.

Anderson: updated the board that EDC is brainstorming ideas that people will see in town, let them know. No idea is too crazy.

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)		
wright, gary	19-1-3876	\$88.12
tuccitto, william	18-3-59326	\$11.28
bement, susan	19-1-267	\$500.00
movement mortgage	19-1-1537	\$3,578.60
kozman, francis	19-1-1969	\$90.00
emanuelcon, donald	19-1-1173	\$237.68
vesalak llc	19-1-3679	\$146.40
vesalak llc	18-1-3679	\$146.40
vesalak llc	17-1-3695	\$146.40
Total:		\$4,268.00
Personal Property (02)		
ANRG for Blue Ox Hauling	2018-02-40054	\$112.35
ANRG for Cockaponset Tree	2018-02-40094	\$57.53
Total:		\$169.88
Motor Vehicle (03)		
malloy, David	19-3-55719	\$98.24
Hyundai Lease	2019-03-54451	\$114.97
kozman, francis	2018-04-80812	\$46.58
Total		\$259.79
Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)		
Grand Total:		\$4,697.67

Moriarty made a motion to approve the tax refunds as presented except Movement Mortgage in the amount of \$3,578.60 until we have clarification from the Tax Collector. There was a brief discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:**Board of Finance:**

Anderson made a motion to appoint Mark Lundgren to the Board of Finance to fill the vacant alternate seat. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Discontinuance of Pine Brook Road: Attorney Epright made a presentation to the Board.

Moriarty Made a motion to approve the Resolution of Pine Brook Road. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Moriarty made a motion to approve the Pine Brook findings as written. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bridge Road Easements: Last year and funding has been approved to build sidewalks on the South side of Bridge Road. It is all privately-owned property and the Town needs to get permanent easements to build the sidewalks on those roads as well as one on the North side, near Dunkin Donuts. We have authorization of the DOT to proceed with the acquisition of the easements. The Town has gone through all the steps. There was a brief discussion.

Moriarty made a motion to approve the easements for the 10 properties. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Anderson made a motion to approve the Bridge Road Easements. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Scovil Hoe Grant Application:

Phase I Environmental Assessment was completed. Some issues were found. The Town is looking for a grant to move forward. The Town Planner, Bill Warner, discussed the process. It is state property. We are applying to the DEDE for funding to implement the cleanup. Once the Cleanup is done we can talk with the DOT to acquire the property from the state as it will be environmentally remediated and would have value. The grant application is due April 8, 2021.

Moriarty made a motion to authorize the application. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of 2021-2022 Budget:

Salary Adjustments of previously approved budget line items:

Line Item #	Line Item Name	2021-22 Selectmen's Request
11-01000	1st Selectman's Salary	\$80,352
11-01001	Selectmen's Salaries (2)	\$5,202
12-01002	Selectmen's Asst Wages	\$50,180
12-01103	Finance Director	\$90,000
12-01110	Financial/Office Coordinator	\$51,109
11-03000	Assessor Salary	\$77,658
11-05500	Town Clerk's Salary	\$62,376
12-05501	Asst Town Clerk Wages	\$48,519
12-12504	ZEO/WEO	\$33,871
11-21500	Dog Warden's Salary	\$17,058
11-22500	Fire Marshal Salary	\$16,777
11-30001	Administrative Salaries	\$117,807
12-30000	Regular Labor	\$445,989

Anderson made a motion to approve the salary adjustments. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

The following line items were discussed:

Line #	Department	Motion made by	Vote	Amount
150	Contingency	Moriarty	Unanimous	\$100,000
205	Police	Moriarty	Unanimous	\$380,125
335	Waste Disposal	Anderson	Unanimous	\$150,000
	Debt Service	Moriarty	Unanimous	\$1,295,403

Tax Refund:

movement mortgage	19-1-1537	\$3,578.60
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The Tax Collector responded before meeting ended. There was a brief discussion.

Moriarty made a motion to approve the Tax Refund to Movement Mortgage in the amount of \$3,578.60. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: N/A

Adjournment: Anderson made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:51 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

Schedule 1 - Board of Selectmen's Meeting - March 8, 2021

Summary of February 2021 Board of Education Meetings

2020-2021 School Year: Superintendent Hageman announced the plan to bring HKHS back to full in-person learning. As was reported last month, with the field house renovations complete, the only obstacle in a full reopening was the high number of Covid cases in our towns. With community metrics trending down, the administration has planned a staggered return for all students starting with Seniors on March 15th, Freshman on March 22nd and Juniors and Sophomores will return to school on March 29th. All RSD17 students still have the option to learn remotely. The High School administration is also working on modified plans for Senior Spring traditions with health and safety as a priority while giving these students a memorable end to their Senior year.

Vision of the Graduate: Dr. Hageman announced that after several months of work with community members, teachers and staff, Board members and the administration, RSD17 had finalized the *Vision of the Graduate*. This *Vision* clarifies six skills and dispositions that our community and schools desire as essential traits in our graduates. Our *Vision* focuses on developing our learners to be critical thinkers and collaborators, who are caring and compassionate with the skills and mindsets to solve real-world challenges. Students grow and contribute through academic exploration and feedback, perseverance and resilience, and open-mindedness to others' perspectives. The skills and dispositions in our *Vision* will guide our ongoing efforts to prepare our students to provide leadership, creativity, and ingenuity in an increasingly connected global world. You can read the details on our *Vision of the Graduate*, including the six skills and dispositions identified, on our RSD17.org website under "District" -> "Vision of the Graduate" and then by clicking on the article to read it in its entirety.

Curriculum Committee: The Curriculum Committee introduced a proposal for Social/Emotional Learning Curriculums for both the Middle School and High School for the upcoming school year. The middle school proposed using the evidence-based Curriculum called "Second Step", which reinforces important skills such as managing stress, coping with challenges, resolving conflicts, building and maintaining healthy relationships, and responsible decision-making. The high school would provide SEL lessons once a week during their advisory period through a multimedia program called "School Connect" focusing on competencies identified by researchers as critical to success in school, the workplace, and life in general.

Diversity Committee: The Curriculum Committee reported that the District's Diversity Committee recently completed a four part professional development series on understanding social identity and aligning equity goals with learning outcomes. The Committee has initiated professional development at all of the schools this Spring with a continued plan for professional development through 2021-2022. Alongside HK Youth and Family, the Committee has organized a monthly study group which focuses on diversity, equity and inclusion. Additionally, parents who are interested in participating in District focus groups are encouraged to contact Humanities Coordinator Jenn Beermunder.

Facilities Committee: The Facilities Committee reported their concerns to the Board on the condition of the White House and Barn located on the HKHS property. There is specific concern with the condition of the roof and boiler at the White House which houses HK Rec and HK Youth and Family Services. The Facilities Committee recommended, and the Board agreed, for the District to work in partnership with both agencies to find alternate spaces within school district facilities to support our partners who serve the students and families of Haddam and Killingworth.

Correction: The January BOE Summary incorrectly reported the recently signed BOE- HKEA contract allowed for 2 ½ step movements to teachers. However, there were only 2 step movements negotiated over the three year contract.

Website: In March, the Board of Education will begin work on the 2021-2022 RSD17 School Budget. All meetings, including the Superintendent's March 2nd Budget Presentation, can be viewed live or recorded through the RSD17.org website under "District" -> "Board of Education". Proposed Budgets, Budget Timeline and FAQ's will be updated as they become available under "District" -> "Budget Information".