

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – February 13, 2023 (Approved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Moriarty made a motion to approve the agenda to include the Haddam Neck Fair Grounds Lease under new business and include under Approval of Minutes to include the budget meetings: No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: January 9, 2023: Anderson made a motion to approve the January 9, 2023 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried. McGarry abstained.

Moriarty made a motion to approve the Budget meeting minutes from January 23rd, January 24th, January 30th, February 2nd, February 6th and February 9th. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: N/A

Selectman's Update: Attached as Schedule I.

Anderson reported Town of East Haddam is working on grant application for a new pedestrian/bicycle loop. They reached out to the Haddam EDC for their support.

The EDC had their monthly meeting last week, Bill Warner made a presentation with ideas on what to do with the former HES building. We plan to have workshops in the near future.

Board of Education Update: Attached as Schedule II

Tax Refunds: Anderson made a motion to accept the tax refunds in the amount of \$12,823.46 No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. (Attached as Schedule III)

New Business:

Haddam Neck Fair Grounds Lease: There was a discussion regarding what the Town uses the Fair Grounds for. There was a discussion. Moriarty made a motion to table this item until the March Board of Selectmen's Meeting. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Waiving Property Tax Interest: There was a discussion regarding the Town's policy on waiving interest property tax. The practice will remain the same and will not waive interest on property tax.

Hire Senior/Social Services Director: Moriarty made a motion to hire Rebecca Rice as the new Senior/Social Services Director. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Trip Grant Program: This Grant will continue the sidewalks in Haddam Center from Jail Hill to where it ends at the UCONN Extension Center. The Grant covers all the work, not the design or engineers. Anderson made a motion for the BOS to support the Trip Grant program for the Haddam Center Sidewalks. No discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

Appointment to Economic Development Committee: Moriarty made a motion to appoint Michael Karam & Kristy Benson to the EDC. There was a brief discussion. Thank you to Mike and Kristy for stepping forward and showing up. McGarry thanked ALL volunteers in this town, we thank you all! Motion carried. Anderson abstained.

Old Business: N/A

Next Meeting date/place: The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 13, 2023** and will be held at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: Anderson made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2023-02-13

Projects

- Rossi Property
 - RFPs issued for:
 - Licensed Environmental Professional. Issued 1/25. Open until 3/1
 - Site development. Issued 1/25. Open until 3/1
- Scovil Hoe – Initial remediation plan calls for remediation to be completed in Spring 2024.
- Swing Bridge –
 - Overnight closures scheduled for 2/20 – 3/3. Week nights only. Saturday and Sunday night closures may occur if week nights are lost. Decisions will be made each Thursday re weekend closures.
 - Bridge openings at 10 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. if required have resumed.
- Bridge Road Sidewalks – Nothing to report.
- Private Projects
 - 105 Bridge Road – Awaiting CT approval of septic plan. May start site work soon.
 - Cell Towers – FAA review completed favorably for the Tylerville tower.

Personnel

- Interviews were completed for Social Services Director.

Other

- Last week the BOS approved the proposed town government operating budget (not including the capital plan or school budget lines) and forwarded it to the Board of Finance. The Town Meeting on the budget is scheduled for May 17th, budget hearing May 3rd.
- Yesterday Georgia Brown was awarded her Eagle Scout badge. Georgia is with Troop 44G, a regional troop. She's the first female Eagle Scout in the area. Congratulations Georgia!

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Summary of January 2023 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

Cougar Pride

HKHS senior Paige Corcoran, along with Principal Hayward provided a review of the 34th Annual Holiday Telethon that took place on January 3, 2023, raising over \$28,800.00 with all proceeds going to Rachel Webster, who is battling a rare form of cancer. Paige shared how the holiday show brings the school and the community together for a good cause. Fox 61 News covered the event live, adding an additional level of excitement to the day.

Student Representatives

HKHS Alumni Day took place on January 4, 2023, where current seniors were able to speak with graduates of the Class of 2022 who returned to share their experiences of life after high school.

Annual CSDE Accountability Report

Superintendent Wihbey provided a review of the Annual Accountability Report from the Connecticut State Department of Education, which reflected areas of celebration as well as some areas for focused growth efforts. Superintendent Wihbey reviewed the twelve indicators that are used to measure accountability and the category levels that each school would be assigned based upon performance. All HK schools were within levels 1-3 and Burr Elementary and Killingworth Elementary were both named as Schools of Distinction for Overall Performance/Achievement in 2022. The strategic plan has positioned the district for continued monitoring and growth within the CSDE standards utilizing Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

Budget Drivers

Superintendent Wihbey reported on an initial review of areas that will be important for the upcoming budget discussions including increased fixed costs such as a busing contract renewal, diesel fuel, heating oil, and insurance. In February, the Superintendent will share the budget drivers in the goal areas of:

- Maintaining successful student services at current levels
- Security Package
- Funding of Phase 3 of the Capital Planning process
- Instructional Growth of District professionals
- Offsetting the excessive fund balance refund from last year.

Facilities

Haddam and Killingworth BOS and BOF participated in tours of district schools and shared their appreciation for the experience of seeing the schools firsthand. The Tecton District Assessment is partially complete with Part 2 being a demographic study and Part 3 a masterplan for the future of the district and its buildings.

The Board approved the replacement of two boilers at KES which provide heat to the original portion of the school.

HKHS Textbook and Course Approval

The Board approved the purchase of updated textbooks and additional course selections at HKHS. The Superintendent noted that beginning next year, the full course catalog will be presented to the Curriculum subcommittee and then to the Board to review.

Recommendations will then be based upon the standards and how the courses are connected to:

- The Vision of the Graduate
- College and Career Readiness Standards
- The Accountability Index
- The Strategic Operating Plan
- Student Interest

Scheduling for this year will be known by February after selections are made. Superintendent Wihbey will provide the Board with additional data on courses from the past few years for better analysis.

ON OUR WEBSITE:

The 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, District Core Values and District Vision can be found on the RSD17.org District Website

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<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Prior/Current</u>	
Real Estate (01)				
laramie, sharon	2020-01-2053	\$4,093.20	prior	paid three times escrowed now should not have paid
dombroski, danielle	2021-01-1419	\$3,301.22	current	
1573 Saybrook LLC	1/5/2021	\$3,495.85	current	escrowed now should not have paid
Total:		\$10,890.27		

Personal Property (02)

			current
Total:		\$0.00	

Motor Vehicle (03)			
mittell, richard	2021-04-81000	\$51.89	current
HYUNDAI LEASE	2020-03-54256	\$231.61	PRIOR
scanlon, michael	2021-03-58106	\$250.20	current
pruser, michael	2021-03-57401	\$542.91	current
nissan infiniti	2021-03-56612	\$373.28	current
DADARIO, ALBERT	2021-04-80318	\$184.18	current
BAILEY EQUIPMENT	2021-03-50408	\$299.12	current
Total		\$1,933.19	

Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)

Total:		\$0.00	

Grand Total: **\$12,823.46**