

Selectmen's Meeting – March 2, 2016

Milardo called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. at the TH. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Acceptance of Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 17, 2016 and Special Meetings Feb. 17 And Feb. 23, 2016:** Donlan moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Ed Munster stated he was at the Transfer Station on Wednesday at it is in good shape. The swap shop was very organized.

Neal Perron spoke and said Board of Selectmen's Meetings are not for obsessive questioning of the board. This issue of railroading the First Selectman needs to be stopped. Perron suggested putting your passion to the town and supporting the people that have been elected.

**Correspondence – Letter from Marge DeBold:** The BOS received a letter from Marge DeBold thanking them for the opportunity to serve as the member of NEAC.

**Resident Troopers Monthly Report for February:** No major incidents occurred. But it was a busy month for them. There were 2 overdoses and Trooper Milardo used his assigned NARCAN on one of the victims and was able to stabilize the victim until medical personnel arrived. Troopers Connelly and Milardo met with the HKY&FS along with Congressman Joe Courtney and discussed the heroin/opiate problem not only in Haddam, but the whole state. The 2016 Haddam DWI grant has been submitted and waiting for approval. No fatalities.

**Tax Refunds:** Donlan moved to approve the following refunds.

Steven or Patricia Goldblatt - \$199.30 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Mark McWilliams - \$844.46 for real estate – excess payment.

Hyundai Lease titling Trust - \$448.77 for a 2012 KIA – vehicle sold.

Ronald & Ralph Vynalek - \$40.56 for real estate – excess payment.

All of the above approved unanimously.

**Appointments – Municipal Agent for the Elderly:** The committee to present a candidate was Lizz Milardo, Candy Casale and Alice Zanelli. Milardo stated she would like to hire Eleanor Farrell as the new Municipal Agent for the Elderly, beginning March 14, 2016. Mrs. Farrell has had experience with senior programs. Her office will be in the Public Health Building on Jail Hill Road. She will be working 10 hours a week, days to be determined. Duval moved to hire Eleanor Farrell. Approved unanimously.

**Charter Revision Panel Resolution:** Milardo stated the panel can have 5 to 15 members, but Milardo is suggesting having only 10 members. The members that Milardo is recommending will be 4 republicans, 4 democrats and 2 unaffiliated. They are William Bowles, Kate Anderson, John Fernandes, Wayne Rutty, Harlan Frederickson, Audrey Brookes, Michael Battistoni, Bruno Morasutti, Amy Jacques Purdy and Tom Berchulski. Donlan stated he is uncomfortable voting on a panel when he doesn't know who applied.

Milardo stated she had either 16 or 17 candidates, but felt that 15 on the panel would be too much, so she narrowed it down to 10 members as was discussed by the board in January. The last charter revision panel had nine representatives on it. Donlan stated if there were 15 people who applied to be on this panel that all of them should be appointed. Duval feels the candidates Milardo suggested is a good fit. Milardo read the proposed Resolution in its entirety and the resolution will be at the end of

these minutes. Duval moved to approve the Resolution as submitted. Milardo and Duval voted yes. Donlan voted no. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** Tylerville Water – Milardo stated she met with DPH and the DEEP, Senator Linares, Phil Miller and the studies show the best solution would be to tie into Chester.

**New Business – Award Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Dept. Tank Refurbishment Bid:** Three bids were received as follows, E.J. Boughton Company - \$57,600, Five Star Fire - \$54,882 and Gowans-Knight Co., Inc. - \$65,597.00. The committee is recommending E.J. Boughton in the amount of \$57,000. They were the only company that was compliant with the bid specifications provided. After a brief discussion, Donlan moved to go with the committee's recommendation and hire E.J. Boughton Company. Approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Melissa Schlag thanked Sean Donlan for his comments during the Charter Revision Panel discussion. She stated she is disappointed in the board for not listing all of the candidates that applied. Schlag stated in the resolution for the Charter Revision #6 read to review the requirements for competitive bidding of the Town Charter to consider increasing the current bid requirement for expenditures in excess of \$2,500. She asked Milardo why she didn't follow that when putting the new LED lights in at the firehouse. Milardo stated she did follow that. She looked at electrician's hourly rate to replace the lights that needed to be repaired for safety issues and it came to \$1,600. Milardo did not have to go out to bid.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli