

Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting –April 21, 2020 (Approved Minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm via GoToMeeting

Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty were present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Moriarty made a motion to approve the agenda. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Anderson made a motion to Approve the March 9, 2020 minutes as submitted. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman's Update:

McGarry updated on the following:

Projects

Higganum Center

- HES – School withdrew due to COVID-19
- Scovil Hoe – Received bids from 4 consultants re environmental & engineering assessment, interviewing 3.
- Tylerville Water – Connections continue. Some properties with access issues, some want to keep existing wells
- Dublin Bridge – Work resumed. Bridge open to traffic. Will have to close for 2 or 3 days for grading & paving
- Road work has begun. Injun Hollow, Rock Landing, Christian Hill first on west side (finish drainage)

Other

- Budget
 - RSD17 – Joint meeting held 4/15. They discussed the budget process. Next one scheduled for 5/21
 - Town – BOF approved initial budget from BOS. Started work on an alternate. Goal is no tax increase.
- COVID-19
 - Started announcements 2/27
 - 16 cases in Haddam.
 - The Governor issued 28 Executive Orders
 - 4/20 Announcement – Immunity & Asymptomatic spread
 - Town Office Building – Open by appointment
 - Transfer Station – If all goes well tomorrow then Weds a.m. Bulk & seniors household, Sat/Sun – all services. Masks, distancing
 - Revaluation – Continues. No interior inspections
 - HK Community Alerts – Everbridge system. Please sign up.
<https://member.everbridge.net/index/431700047822951/#/signup> or text AlertHD to 888777
 - Virtual Meetings – Town meetings

- Poll Workers - The Town is in critical need of poll workers. The Registrars did a survey of the current poll workers 75% said they will not work during the pandemic, as most of the poll workers are in the high risk category.

Anderson updated the board that the EDC decided last week to postpone Mucket Madness to 2021 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Board of Education Update: Attached as Schedule 1

Tax Refunds:

Motor Vehicle (03)		
DACHELET DAN	18-03-52279	\$292.92
Total		\$292.92
Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)		
KUKTA STEVEN	18-04-80820	\$157.34
Total:		\$157.34
Grand Total:		\$450.26

Moriarty made a motion to approve the April 21, 2020 tax refunds. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Charter Revision Changes: Anderson made a motion to send to the Charter Revision the attached list of Selectmen Recommendations. (attached as Schedule 2). There was a brief discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

BOS Succession Planning: Anderson made a motion to appoint Moriarty as the person to fill in for First Selectman McGarry in the event that McGarry cannot. If Moriarty cannot fill in Anderson would fill in that position. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Executive Order 7S Municipal Tax programs: There was a brief discussion regarding the options of the Executive Order re: COVID-19 and options municipalities can take. Moriarty made a motion to adopt the Low Interest Program. There was a brief discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session CGS Section 1-200(6)(A) Moriarty made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to CGS Section 1-200(6)(A) Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Tax Clerk. Invited to attend the Executive Session: Robbie Marshall, Tax Clerk and Kristin Battistoni, Tax Collector. At 6:27 pm

Made a motion to resume the regular selectmen's meeting at 7:08 pm

Moriarty made a motion to give the authority to the First Selectman to terminate Robbie Marshall. She will until Friday to decide if she wants to resign rather than be terminated. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Moriarty made a motion to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli