

**TOWN OF HADDAM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
7 CANDLEWOOD HILL ROAD, HIGGANUM, CT 06441
WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
*Subject to Approval by the Commission***

ATTENDANCE

X	Prem Aithal
X	Kate Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer
X	Stephen Bayley, Vice Chairman
X	Mike Farina
X	David Fleig
X	Cindy MacNeil Sola, Chairman
X	Lori Maggi
A	Rudy Sturk
A	Lori Tharin
X	Robin Munster, EDC Coordinator
X	Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Sola, chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Kate Anderson moved to approve the 14 March 2018 agenda as submitted. Lori Maggi second. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Melissa Schlag, Selectman, asked Mrs. Munster if she was being compensated for her EDC Coordinator role. Mrs. Munster asked Ms. Schlag who she was addressing the question to. Ms. Schlag stated the Commission. Mrs. Sola stated she was not sure if Mrs. Munster was being compensated as she had not spoken to Lizz Milardo, First Selectman, for an update; however, she was aware Mrs. Munster's position was on a volunteer basis. Ms. Schlag stated at a recent budget meeting it was mentioned that Mrs. Munster was being compensated for the position. Mrs. Sola stated she was not at the budget meeting. Mrs. Munster stated Ms. Schlag could address her question directly to her. Ms. Schlag stated she was asking through the chairman and then asked Mrs. Munster what she's being compensated. Mrs. Munster stated she receives \$20 per hour and is keeping a log of hours worked that is submitted to the first selectman. Ms. Schlag asked if she could come up and get the log. Mrs. Munster stated she has a log book of what she has done and she also has to submit her hours (time sheet).

Ms. Schlag complimented Mrs. Batzner on her meeting minutes as she can follow along and learn what's happening on the meetings she's unable to attend. Ms. Schlag commented that in two different sets of meeting minutes it was indicated that there would be discussion between Commissioners via email. Ms. Schlag informed the Commission that there can be no cross communication between Commission mem-

bers via email and that it has to be done in public session. Mrs. Sola stated the Commission did not end up doing that as they went over the mission statement at the last meeting. Ms. Schlag stated she understood that and that she was merely informing the Commission that it's illegal as it creates a Freedom of Information (FOI) problem. Mrs. Maggi and Mrs. Sola thanked Ms. Schlag for the information as they were unaware of this. Ms. Schlag offered to send FOI information to all Commissioners.

Mrs. Sola welcomed Mrs. Munster officially to the Commission; and thanked her for all the work she's done to date. Ms. Schlag asked Mrs. Sola if Mrs. Munster is a Commission member. Mrs. Sola stated Mrs. Munster is not a member of the Commission, but she's the EDC Coordinator. Ms. Schlag stated there hasn't been an appointment. Mrs. Sola stated no, but there's money in the budget for the position.

5. Approval of Minutes

Corrections to the 10 January 2018 minutes: page 3, Small Business Empty Space on Website, first paragraph, fifth line – change “close” to “closed”; and page 4, Item 8b., third paragraph, second line – change “General Dollar” to “Dollar General”.

MOTION: Lori Maggi moved to approve the 10 January 2018 minutes as amended. Steve Bayley second. Motion carried unanimously.

Correction to the 21 February 2018 minutes: page 2, Item 7a., second line – change “as” to “has”.

MOTION: Lori Maggi moved to approve the 21 February 2018 minutes as amended. Kate Anderson second. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Old Business

a. Streetscape

Mrs. Sola reported the town cannot use Eversource light poles for power or to attach the garlands. Mrs. Sola also reported the only place this can happen is on the streetscape noting there are two poles that are across from each other, beginning of Route 81, where a garland can be hung. Mrs. Sola stated if it's possible to get another pole installed across from the last light pole near the pharmacy, then a second garland can be used. Ms. Anderson asked if the town cannot decorate Eversource poles at all or the town can't use the lights. Mrs. Sola stated the town should not be going pole to pole. Mrs. Munster stated it's a state statute that the town cannot use the poles. Mrs. Sola stated Middletown owns their own light poles and that's how they're able to decorate Main Street.

Mr. Farina asked about the flags or banners. Mrs. Sola stated there are certain flags on poles throughout the Center, but the town has to own the pole. Mr. Farina talked about how banners were allowed in Coventry, but only after lengthy discussion with CL&P (now Eversource).

Mrs. Sola stated perhaps two garlands can be hung this year and lighted snowflakes attached to arms off the poles. Mrs. Sola asked Mrs. Maggi if light poles will be installed when the sidewalk is installed in Tylerville. Mrs. Maggi stated she didn't believe so. Larry Maggi, Selectman, concurred. Mrs. Sola stated if the snowflakes are to be used, the cost and number of snowflakes needs to be calculated.

Mrs. Sola reported Middletown had four garlands with lights and a wreath in the center that are in good shape that they are willing to sell to Haddam, but there is no price available at this time. Cost of garlands to be obtained and item to be discussed again at the April meeting.

Mr. Bayley stated there would be 14 poles with seven items going across. Mrs. Sola stated there are 14 poles and if two garlands can go up that would use four poles leaving 10 poles empty. Mrs. Munster stated the snowflakes come in two sizes – 3 foot and 4 foot. Mrs. Sola stated arms for the snowflakes would need to be purchased and the 3 foot snowflakes probably would be a better fit.

Mrs. Sola reported she will be meeting with other EDC chairmen from surrounding towns – East Haddam, Chester, and Deep River - to coordinate the decorating of streetscapes with other towns.

b. River Day, Saturday, 8 September – Rain Date – Sunday, 9 September

Mrs. Munster reported she is working on the DEEP application and will submit it this month noting she's working with additional vendors to list on the permit. Mrs. Munster stated there's contemplation about changing the start time to 4:00 p.m. rather than 5:00 p.m. and the possibility of the Park and Recreation Dept. being more involved. Mrs. Sola stated Park and Rec reached out about Family Fun Night (children's event) and how they wanted to do something for adults as well. Mrs. Sola and Mrs. Munster will be attending the Park and Rec meeting.

c. Mucket

Ms. Anderson reported IOB is the non-profit organization that helped with the fund raiser and their processing time to release the funds is 20-30 days. Ms. Anderson stated the request is in, she's waiting for IOB to deposit the funds, and then a deposit will be made on the statue. Mrs. Sola asked if only one statue is being obtained. Ms. Anderson stated no, the deposit is for the design fee only. Mrs. Sola asked if a prototype will be sent. Ms. Anderson stated she was unclear about that, but a 3D rendering will be available.

Ms. Anderson reminded everyone that the company can make miniature versions if the Commission is interested and a decision would need to be made now so it's one design fee. Ms. Anderson also reminded everyone that any money made must go back into the project. Mrs. Sola stated Art Wiknik's stipulation in using the mucket was that no personal profit was to be made; any profit was to go back into the town – food bank, fuel bank, etc. Mr. Fleig asked if a smaller version of the mucket can be designed without additional charge. Ms. Anderson stated that was her understanding, but will confirm. Mr. Fleig asked if the Commission decided to start with a larger version, would there be a charge to scale down. Ms. Anderson stated there would be a charge if there's a time lapse in between the two versions. Mr. Bayley suggested the Commission use caution in getting into the retail business with the smaller versions of the mucket. Mr. Bayley stated it may be an easier accomplishment with the larger version. The Commission agreed to go with renderings for both large and small muckets.

Larry Maggi, Vice President, Haddam Lions Club, asked Ms. Anderson if the company would make any type of product such as a rubber mucket rather than a rubber duck. Ms. Anderson stated she believes the company is limited to the material type. Mr. Maggi asked if the Commission owns the 3D image, would they allow the Lions to use it to make rubber muckets for the Duck Race. Ms. Anderson stated the Commission would need to give permission for the Lions to use the design. Mr. Maggi stated all funds from the race would go back to the town; and he knows custom ducks can be made.

d. May-July-September Crafters, Farmers' Market on Green

Mrs. Sola reported Mr. Sturk has reached out to Megan Mularski, owner, Higganum Candle Company, who got all the vendors/crafters together for last year's River Day. Mrs. Sola stated the thought is that the vendors and crafters can do something on Sun., 05/20/2018, while the Lions Duck Race is taking place. Mrs. Maggi stated the Duck Race is scheduled for Sun., 06/03/2018, rain date Sun., 06/10/2018. Mrs. Sola stated Mr. Sturk is going to try to work with Ms. Mularski to get crafters and a few farmers on the Green as well as in July when the Lions hold their car show (Sunday, 07/08/2018) and then again for River Day. Mrs. Sola also stated perhaps this will be a way to start a little farmers' market once a month or every six weeks next year.

Ms. Anderson stated she had seen some comments in regard to people wanting the farmers' market to return, but based on the feedback Mr. Sturk had received the two don't coincide. Mr. Bayley stated it seems as if the townspeople would like it, but the vendors are established at other farmers' markets. Mr. Farina stated he knew a lot of people who enjoyed the farmers' market; however, cost was prohibitive. Mrs. Sola stated she knows people would attend the farmers' market to stock up on vegetables for the

week. Ms. Anderson stated it's important for the Commission to convey to the people who are attending these events that they need to continuously come out to support the event as well as tell the vendors that they will come out to support them.

e. EDC Coordinator Monthly Report

Valley Shore TV – Mrs. Munster stated she will be meeting with Valley Shore TV to talk about doing a monthly video specific to places in Haddam and possibly coordinate with the high school to do the taping.

Jail Open House – Mrs. Munster stated she is working with Liz Glidden, Town Planner, on this event and she will be attending the Building Committee meeting to discuss how this will be done. Mrs. Munster stated she has sent out several invitations and has received responses from people interested in taking a tour. Mrs. Munster talked about Kinsman Brewery, Plantsville. According to Jeff Muthersbaugh, Chairman, Building Committee, the Jail is ready to go; it's just a matter of somebody coming in and showing interest.

Mrs. Maggi asked if the tours are in addition to the open house. Mrs. Munster stated yes, if people are unable to attend the open house, they can schedule a tour. Mrs. Glidden would be the contact person.

Mr. Bayley asked how much it would cost to bring the building up to code. Mrs. Munster stated Fuss and O'Neill reported \$4 to \$5 million (pie in the sky); \$300,000 still needed for remediation and that could be done either with grants through the town or the builder coming in; and to bring a restaurant in perhaps \$1.5 to \$2 million. Mrs. Munster stated she has been telling people to bring their builder or architect with them for the tour. Mr. Bayley asked if the town would be responsible for the septic, etc. Mrs. Munster stated she didn't know and it would be better to go to the Building Committee with the question.

Mr. Farina asked if there was a bottom line to sell the structure or does it have to be leased. Mrs. Munster and Mrs. Sola both stated the building cannot be sold. Mr. Farina asked if the state had attached any stipulations to the property. Mrs. Munster stated she didn't know of any. Ms. Schlag stated it's in the deed that the property cannot be sold. Mr. Farina asked if a money making facility went into the structure, would it negate everything. Ms. Schlag stated the building has to stay in town ownership. Ed Schwing noted the building has to stay open to the public. Discussion followed at length.

Mrs. Munster reported she has asked Gary Vivian, Building Official, to attend the open house to answer any questions builders may have. Mrs. Munster stated she's concerned about traffic control based on the interest in the building.

Mr. Bayley stated a question he had when they did the proposal was the re-routing of Jail Hill Road, but it appears from the report it won't happen. Mr. Bayley stated if the intersection stays as it is, parking and traffic will be difficult. Mrs. Munster stated she hasn't asked these questions yet.

EDC Facebook Page – Mrs. Munster reported there is a new web page and she is looking forward to adding the new Mission Statement; currently there are quick links and EDC's Facebook page. Mrs. Munster stated the three administrators to the site are herself, Mrs. Sola, and Ms. Anderson. Mrs. Munster recommended everyone take a look.

Mrs. Munster also reported she is coordinating with Megan Martin, high school photography class, to ask the high schoolers to take pictures of what makes Haddam a great place to live. EDC will choose the top five photos and they will be placed on the EDC site.

Mr. Aithal asked Mrs. Munster if the Jail event is on the site. Mrs. Munster stated yes, and it's located on the calendar and town page as well.

Commercial Property Listing – Mrs. Munster stated she's updated the commercial property listing and there are links on the page.

Calendar of Events – Mrs. Maggi asked if any of the events such as the Duck Race, Crafters/Farmers' Market, River Day, etc., are on the calendar. Mrs. Munster stated she needs to add them and asked Mrs. Maggi for a calendar piece for the Duck Race.

Town Businesses List - Mrs. Maggi asked if there is a place on the web page where new families can see what's in town for businesses such as contractors, plumbers, electricians, markets, etc. Mrs. Munster stated that has not been done yet, but it's a work in progress. Mrs. Munster also stated there is an updated listing of town businesses as of today and it's available through the assessor.

Mrs. Sola asked if there's a way to send out a letter or brochure – Welcome to Town - to new families. Mrs. Munster stated if something is being mailed, addresses could be obtained through land transactions. Mr. Farina stated St. Peter Parish Council is thinking of doing something similar (only in the talking stages at this point). Mr. Farina suggested perhaps EDC and the Council could coordinate the process.

Northeast Economic Developers Association Conference – Mrs. Munster reported she attended this conference and one of the speakers talked about the importance of a town's POCD. Mrs. Munster stated the trend right now is high end restaurants and breweries. Mrs. Munster talked about Kinsman Brewery being located in a building similar to Scovil.

Mr. Bayley suggested Mrs. Munster share this information on the "Live in Haddam" and "Live in Higganum" pages. Mrs. Munster stated she can't share the information as she's blocked.

Mr. Aithal asked if someone likes the EDC web page can they comment on existing articles. Mrs. Munster stated yes, they can. In regard to the farmers' market, Mr. Aithal asked if the Commission wanted to solicit feedback on the farmers' market such as, "If we had a farmers' market, what would entice you to show up?" Mrs. Munster stated yes. Mr. Bayley noted that Mr. Sturk had done a survey.

Mr. Bayley stated for the EDC web page it lists the Commissioners as well as on Commission members; and that he's brought this up in the past (inconsistent with other commissions). Mrs. Munster stated it's on her to do list.

f. CrossFit Looking to Expand – Mrs. Sola stated it is not CrossFit that is looking to expand, but HK Fitness and apologized for the error. Mrs. Munster reported CrossFit is under new ownership.

HK Fitness – Mrs. Sola reported HK Fitness is looking for a larger space and would like to stay in town. Mrs. Munster reported Merle McKenzie, owner, HK Fitness, is focusing on the Tylerville side of town, but not at this time due to another venture (ax throwing in Newington). Discussion followed as to whether or not there may be room behind River Valley Provisions.

g. Haddam Jail and Scovil

Jail – Previously discussed under EDC Coordinator's Monthly Report.

Scovil - Mrs. Sola reported she spoke to Mrs. Glidden about the Scovil building and initial reports indicate it will cost approximately \$98,000 in remediation. Mrs. Sola stated the CT Research Council has expressed interest in doing a market study for a regional farmers' market maker space similar to the Velvet Mill in Stonington. Ms. Anderson asked Mrs. Sola to confirm the remediation cost as remediation is hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mr. Bayley stated his only thought is that there isn't a lot of pollution on site which would be surprising. Mrs. Sola stated she had heard that when the floods of the 1980s came through a lot of material washed away. Mrs. Sola further reported that the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) grant money will be used to explore sewer for Scovil and a few sites around it, particularly crucial is HES (closing).

Mrs. Munster stated she has seen the renderings that Fuss and O'Neill has done for the site and they're wonderful. Mrs. Sola stated they're beautiful buildings. Mr. Bayley stated it's a pleasant surprise that the remediation cost is \$98,000, if that's the case, as a lot of people thought it would cost more.

7. New Business

a. BOE Closing HES, Moving Forward with EDC Involvement

Mrs. Sola reported HES is closing; and we know it's going to be a sewage treatment facility. Mrs. Sola stated, personally, the structure would be a wonderful place for senior housing noting it's walkable to the Center.

Mr. Bayley asked if the developer of the Rossi property was interested in taking over the HES property as part of a larger project. Mrs. Sola stated probably not. Mr. Bayley asked if Rossi had expressed any interest. Mrs. Sola stated not to her knowledge. Ms. Anderson stated she had spoken to a BOE board member prior to their voting on the closure and there is interest, but not to a point where they're ready to get moving on a project. Ms. Anderson stated the BOE board member did acknowledge that the Rossi property is there and together it could be a wise development, but nothing about Rossi actually taking over HES.

b. Update on Infrastructure Committee

Ms. Anderson stated she attended the first Infrastructure Committee meeting last month; however, due to the snow storm, the second meeting was canceled. Ms. Anderson reported the first step of the committee is to make a recommendation as to whether or not the town should move forward with sewers in the Center. Ms. Anderson stated if the committee should recommend sewers should go in, the next task will be to come up with a plan to make it happen. Ms. Anderson also stated at the next meeting, the committee members are to come prepared having read all the reports and decide whether to recommend sewers or not. Ms. Anderson reported the committee meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, 03/28/2018, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall, and the reports can be found on the Land Use Dept. website.

Mr. Bayley stated he would be shocked if sewers aren't recommended, but stranger things have happened.

c. Mission Statement

Mrs. Sola read the mission statement as written in the February minutes.

MOTION: Steve Bayley moved to approve the following Mission Statement – *“The Haddam EDC mission is to promote, encourage, and advocate economic development that aligns with the character and charm of Haddam. We serve as an advisory commission guided by the POCD to work with town administration, committees, and other commissions. We will plan and assist with community events to promote and increase economic growth.”* Lori Maggi second. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sola will submit the statement to Lizz Milardo, First Selectman.

Sean Moriarty pointed out to Mrs. Sola that the Commission forgot to vote; a second was made on the motion, but no vote took place. Mrs. Sola thought they were fine with just a second. Mr. Moriarty stated it's a point of order. The Commission voted on the motion.

d. Introductions

Although not on the agenda, Mrs. Sola asked everyone to introduce themselves to Mr. Aithal as a new member. Introductions took place after adjournment.

e. EDC Coordinator Position

Mr. Bayley stated he was surprised that the EDC Coordinator is being compensated as he thought it was a volunteer position; and that he found it even more disconcerting that the Commission's chairman was unaware of this. Mr. Bayley asked the rest of the Commission how they felt about decisions being made

without the Commission's knowledge. Mr. Bayley stated he personally is not o.k. with it and wasn't o.k. with the previous EDC Coordinator being dismissed without the Commission being made aware of it. Mr. Bayley also stated Mrs. Munster is doing good work and he's pleased that she attending meetings as the previous coordinator did not attend meetings, therefore, Mrs. Munster is doing more than the previous coordinator; however, to find out Mrs. Munster is being compensated is surprising. Mr. Bayley asked Mrs. Sola how she felt about this.

Mrs. Sola stated the first EDC Coordinator was being compensated and knows that Mrs. Munster took the position on a volunteer basis until a new coordinator could be found. Mrs. Sola also stated this evidently just came about and she's thrilled with it. Mr. Bayley asked Mrs. Sola if she was o.k. with the process. Mrs. Sola stated she's thrilled that Mrs. Munster is on as the coordinator and that she feels she's done a phenomenal job. Mr. Bayley stated Mrs. Sola did not answer his question in regard to her being o.k. with the process. Mrs. Sola stated it doesn't bother her.

Mrs. Munster stated she answers to Lizz Milardo, First Selectman, and not to the Commission. Mrs. Sola agreed; stating she has nothing to do with it.

Mr. Farina stated he would assume there was money available to fund the previous coordinator. Mrs. Sola stated correct, there was money already in. Mr. Farina stated the previous coordinator was shared with East Haddam. Mrs. Sola stated the previous coordinator no longer works for East Haddam either. Mr. Bayley stated the Commission had discussed recommending the hiring of an EDC Coordinator. Mr. Bayley also stated if the coordinator reports to Mrs. Milardo only, then the Commission has wasted its time; and it appears that Mrs. Milardo can do whatever she wants. Mrs. Sola stated no, because if the coordinator was hired by Mrs. Milardo it doesn't have anything to do with the Commission. Mr. Bayley stated the Commission recommended hiring an EDC Coordinator and came up with a letter to do so. Mrs. Sola agreed. Mrs. Maggi asked Mr. Bayley if he meant the Commission initiated the hiring. Mrs. Sola stated the entire Commission wanted a coordinator initially. Mr. Bayley stated not really initiate it; but if Mrs. Milardo is the one Mrs. Munster reports to and Mrs. Milardo is arbitrarily making decisions without the Commission knowing about it. Mrs. Sola stated the Commission knew a coordinator was going to be replaced as one is desperately needed. Mr. Bayley stated he thought the position would be advertised and it would be open to the public. Ms. Anderson stated she thought it was. Mrs. Sola stated she believes it was. Mr. Bayley stated no.

Ms. Schlag stated from a selectman's perspective, Mrs. Milardo cannot hire anyone as it needs to be a vote of the Board of Selectmen (BOS); and Mrs. Munster has not been voted as the EDC Coordinator and the position has not been posted to her knowledge. Ms. Schlag also stated it would be interesting to find out if Mrs. Munster has been hired as the coordinator.

Mr. Bayley stated his comments are nothing personal against Mrs. Munster, but rather a process thing, it's a slippery slope, it opens Pandora's Box, and it's not a proper transparent way of doing things, especially when all Commission members volunteer their time to come to meetings to discuss EDC matters. Mr. Bayley stated he finds it disrespectful.

Mrs. Sola asked Mr. Bayley why the Commission shouldn't have a coordinator. Mr. Bayley stated he's not arguing that the Commission has a coordinator, but to find out someone was a volunteer and now they're being compensated. Mr. Bayley stated Mrs. Sola did not understand what he was trying to say. Mr. Bayley stated he believes the Commission should have a coordinator, there was one before and there still should be one, someone went from a volunteer to a compensated position without the Commission knowing about it, and the position should be open to the public to apply for that position. Mr. Bayley asked Mrs. Munster if she was the permanent EDC Coordinator. Mrs. Munster stated at the moment she is not the permanent EDC Coordinator. Mr. Bayley asked Mrs. Munster if she's only being compensated. Mrs. Munster stated yes. Mr. Bayley asked if this was decision between her and Mrs. Milardo. Mrs. Munster stated that was what was discussed.

Mrs. Maggi stated it was her understanding that prior to the previous coordinator, the Commission had all agreed on the need for a coordinator and sharing the position with East Haddam (came about by a com-

bined meeting with the two towns). Mrs. Maggi also stated Susan Waide was hired and, for whatever reason, is no longer the coordinator; and Mrs. Munster, out of the goodness of her heart, was doing things to help. Mrs. Maggi stated if she's doing so much, she should be compensated. Mrs. Sola agreed. Mr. Bayley stated he worked for a number of hours setting up for and cleaning up after the fireworks and was not compensated as was anyone else. Mrs. Munster stated she has done the fireworks event for years with no compensation and it has nothing to do with the coordinator's position. Mrs. Maggi stated these aren't known to be paid position, these are volunteer position. Mr. Bayley agreed, but the EDC Coordinator's position should be posted and filled by a qualified person. Mr. Bayley stated the previous coordinator was supposedly let go in December. Mrs. Maggi stated she can see what Mr. Bayley is talking about, but can't speak as to whether it was posted or not. Mr. Bayley stated it does not look good; however, if everyone is o.k. with it, that's fine. Mrs. Maggi stated she didn't have an issue.

Mr. Farina stated the protocol would be the position would have to go to the BOS. Mr. Bayley stated taxpayers' money is being used. Mrs. Sola stated the coordinator's position was never a volunteer position. Ms. Schlag stated Mrs. Munster hasn't been official appointed and she's being compensated. Mr. Fleig stated this is about the process and it should go through the process. Mr. Bayley stated the position has not gone through the process. Mr. Fleig stated he doesn't know if it's been there or not. Mrs. Sola stated Mrs. Munster is just filling in, she's not permanent. Ms. Schlag stated she's being compensated. Mrs. Maggi stated she's temporary. Mr. Bayley again stated she's being compensated.

Ms. Schlag asked Mrs. Munster how long she's been getting paid. Mrs. Munster stated three weeks. Mr. Bayley asked what changed, the amount of work being done. Mrs. Munster stated she was doing much more work – working from December, January, and February. Mr. Bayley stated he was under the impression that the position would be posted in December when the Commission was made aware they needed a new coordinator.

For the record, Mrs. Maggi asked Mr. Bayley if his point was that the process wasn't followed. Mr. Bayley stated yes, absolutely. Mr. Bayley stated again that he's not going after anyone personally; it's a slippery slope. Mrs. Maggi stated she understands. Mr. Bayley stated he doesn't expect to be compensated for the things the Commission does; but whether or not he's friendly with the first selectman or not; it should be more black and white. Mrs. Maggi stated point taken. Mr. Farina stated this is an issue that should be brought up at a BOS meeting and get everything straightened out on paper. Mrs. Maggi stated since Mr. Maggi and Ms. Schlag are present, obviously they're aware of the issue, and can bring it up at the next BOS meeting. Mr. Bayley stated if this issue had not come up at a Board of Finance meeting, it's possible that it might not have come up to a budget meeting. Ms. Schlag stated it was never mentioned to anyone on the BOS until that budget meeting. For clarification, Mr. Bayley asked Ms. Schlag if this matter had ever been mentioned at any of the BOS budget meetings. Ms. Schlag stated it was never mentioned. Mr. Bayley stated it makes him question other things that aren't being mentioned and this is a public entity where all things need to be out in the open.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Lori Maggi moved to adjourn. Steve Bayley second. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bunny Hall Batzner
Bunny Hall Batzner, Recording Clerk

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 11 April 2018.