

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – January 10, 2022 (Unapproved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Town Office Building, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06424.

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. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

December 13, 2021: Anderson made a motion to approve the December 13, 2021. Brief discussion. Under Anderson's update take out the incomplete sentence, "it will list" Motion carried as amended unanimously.

Public Comment: Adams, Maurice: Gates Way Haddam: How do I get a copy of the grant application?

Selectman's Update: Attached as Schedule I

Board of Education Update: Attached as Schedule II

Tax Refunds: Moriarty made a motion to accept the tax refunds in the amount of \$798.45 Attached as Schedule III No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:

- **Merit Service Retirement Board:** Moriarty made a motion to appoint Tom Danaher and Michael Mancuso to the Merit Service Retirement Board. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Board of Finance Alternate:** Anderson made a motion to appoint Constance Pullman to the Board of Finance as an alternate. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- **Board of Selectmen Line of Succession:** Moriarty then Anderson
- **Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule:** 2nd Monday of the month.
- **Set a Town Meeting:** Moriarty made a motion to schedule a Town Meeting on January 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse Community Room. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Anderson made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 6:48 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2022-01-10

Projects

- Rossi Property – No change
- Scovil Hoe – Governor's office announced the grant award.
- Beaver Meadow Road Culvert – Contract awarded to Suchoki & Sons, Old Lyme.
- Bridge Road Sidewalks – Grant will have to be increased. Item for town meeting
- Private Projects –
 - 105 Bridge Road – No change
 - Blueway Commons (Brookes Court) – No change
 - Hope Gardens (7 Island Dock Road) – No change

Personnel

- Scott Brookes – Term ended 12/31. Bob Siegrist took office 1/4. Luncheon held for Scott on 1/7
- Bob Ruzzo hired as Building Inspector

Other

- COVID
 - Cases rising, 37 since Friday
 - Oct – 21
 - Nov – 38
 - Dec - 101
 - Jan to date 70
 - Test & Mask distribution on Jan 2.
 - Cars started lining up at 10:30 for a 1:00 opening
 - 700 test kits handed out
 - 100 delivered to RSD17
 - 100 held for first responders
 - 100 for Social Services
 - Awaiting kits for 2nd distribution. Delayed by Friday's storm
 - CT Covid website has information/videos on self-test kits
 - New drive through test center in Old Saybrook. Details on our website
 - Vaccinations available 5+ YOA
 - Boosters – Check CDC website

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Summary of December 2021 Board of Education Meetings

Cougar Pride: HKIS Principal Eric Larson invited the cast of the school's Lion King production for a special presentation for the Board and Community. Music Teacher and show director, Katherine Jones, led an ensemble performance from the show which was held before a live audience in November.

Superintendent Wihbey reported that the HKHS Robotics club competed with two robots against 65 teams from Connecticut and Massachusetts. The students were required to modify robots, update programming code and troubleshoot issues throughout the day. This was the first robotics competition for many on the team and they will be competing again in January in Middletown.

Superintendent's Update: Superintendent Jeff Wihbey presented an overview of the fifty new bills pertaining to school districts that had been passed in the 2021 Legislative Session and June special session. These bills range from curriculum updates and mental health wellness days for students, to training required for the hiring process and requirements for providing annual staffing reports to local unions. Many of these new unfunded mandates will require additional resources and work from the District.

Board Committee Chairs Named: In December, the Board of Education welcomed three new members; Lisa Connelly from Killingworth and Hamish MacPhail and Corey Roberts from Haddam. With the election of a new Board comes the appointments of new Executive Board Members, Committee Chairs, Committee Members and Liaisons. The new Executive Board elected are Suzanne Sack - *Chair*, Jennifer Favalora - *Vice Chair*, Peter Sonski - *Treasurer*, and Joel D'Angelo - *Secretary*. Committee Chairs are Shawna Goldfarb - *Communications*, Kathy Zandi - *Curriculum*, Peter Sonski - *Facilities*, Peter Sonski - *Finance*, Suzanne Sack - *Personnel & Evaluation*, Nelson Rivera - *Policy*, Jennifer Favalora alongside Prem Aithal as a non-voting member - *Strategic Planning*.

Average Daily Membership (ADM) – Superintendent Wihbey shared the October 2021 Average Daily Membership for the Towns of Haddam and Killingworth. The ADM determines the assessment to each town in the form of a percentage of the number of students each town has related to total enrollment. For 2022-2023, Haddam's share is 61.20% and Killingworth's is 38.80%, which will be an increased assessment for Haddam.

School Continuous Improvement Plans Each year the Administrators report on District progress in the last year and areas they are going to work towards in the next year in the Curriculum Improvement Reports. Curriculum Coordinators Heather Rigatti and Jenn Beermunder reviewed state testing results from the Spring, which confirmed previous data on learning loss in both Math and Science. Each of the Principals shared the themes for this year in their schools. Major themes across all schools included Adjusting and Accelerating Instruction for Academic Growth, Supporting Individual Social-Emotional Wellness, Building and Maintaining Positive School Culture, and Ensuring that the students feel accepted and respected.

On our Website: You can find the District's Continuous Improvement Plans on the RSD17.org website under each school's homepage.

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<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Prior/Current</u>
Real Estate (01)			

Total: \$0.00

Personal Property (02)			

Total: \$0.00

Motor Vehicle (03)			
maddox	2020-3-55462	\$72.78	current
honda lease	2020-3-54110	\$407.34	current
gionfriddo marcus	2020-03-53383	\$9.52	current
toyota lease	2020-03-59001	\$308.81	current

Total \$798.45

Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)			

Total: \$0.00

Grand Total: \$798.45