

## **Board of Selectmen's Meeting – June 10, 2019 (Approved Minutes)**

Lizz Milardo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. at Old Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Larry Maggi and Melissa Schlag were present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Presentation of award from the Department of Public Health**

**Public Comment:** Potter, Cliff; North Branford: Commented that Schlag's kneeling during the pledge is more upsetting this weekend with the observance of Memorial Day

Collins, Art commented on the vote to purchase Haddam Elementary School passed and asked when the process would begin. Milardo stated she would provide an update when we get to that part of the Agenda.

Perron, Neal asked on the status of the "roads being done over there"

Schlag made a comment, thanks to people like Eileen Daily, Phil Miller, Paul DeStefano, DPH and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, who funded this project and all of those people before us, this project would never get done. The biggest thanks go to the Connecticut Tax Payer who actually funded this project. It's a project that was meant to be for the polluter. The Polluter has gotten away with polluting the entire Tylerville area. Thank you to the Connecticut Tax Payers for cleaning up the polluter's mess.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**April 8, 2019:** Schlag made a motion to accept the April 8, 2019 minutes, discussion to correct the spelling under "approve additional roads for bonding" it should say "Ague" not "Argue" no further discussion. Approved unanimously.

**April 15, 2019:** Maggi made a motion to accept the April 15, 2019 minutes, discussion to clarify under Haddam Elementary School Update it should state "Regional School District 17 is going to be giving Swan Hill directly the Haddam Land Trust" Schlag's name was mis-spelled and also corrected "Building or the caring cost" to "building or the carrying costs" No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

**May 28, 2019:** Maggi made a motion to accept the May 28, 2019 minutes. There was a brief discussion regarding the scheduling and timing of Special Meetings and also putting public comment on all meetings. Milardo/Maggi Yay. Schlag abstained.

### **Tax Refunds:**

Last Name	Amount
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#### **Personal Property (02)**

Monroe, Shawn	\$298.88
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$298.88</b>
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#### **Motor Vehicle (03)**

Muir, Elizabeth	\$31.05
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31.05</b>
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<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$329.93</b>
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Maggi made a motion to accept the June 10, 2019 Tax Refunds. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Resignations:**

David Fleig resigned from the Haddam Parks & Recreation Department effective April 12, 2019.  
Lori Maggi resigned from the Economic Development Commission effective May 8, 2019  
Tracy Thompson resigned as the Assistant Tax Collector effective June 14, 2019.

Milardo made a motion to revise the agenda to include the Inland Wetlands Commission, Conservation Commission & Senior Van Driver. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Appointments:**

**Inland Wetlands Commission:**

Schlag made a motion to re-appoint Gail Reynolds for a 3-year term to Inland Wetlands Commission. No discussion, approved unanimously.

Maggi made a motion to re-appoint Paul Best, Jeremy DeCarli, Joe Stephens and Dave Costa to Inland Wetlands Commission for a 3-year term. There was a brief discussion clarifying the 3-year term start date of 2018. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Conservation Commission:** Schlag made a motion to re-appoint Tom Worthley and Walter Bragoni to the Conservation Commission for a 3-year term. Their term was up on May 1, 2018 and will end on April 20, 2021. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Senior Van Driver:** Wayne Rutty was recommended to the board by Chris Corsa to hire him as the Senior Van Driver working 20-25 hours a week making \$17.50 an hour. Maggi made a motion to hire Wayne Rutty as the Senior Van Driver. There was a brief discussion regarding the ten (10) hours posted on the original job posting and now increasing it to 20-25 hours. Milardo stated there was an increase in medical appointments. Milardo & Maggi Yay. Schlag Nay.

Schlag asked that when the Town hires for the Tax Collector Assistant it be a part time job that is hired for busy times. Milardo stated it is a Union position and that would need to be negotiated with the Union.

**HES Update:** on June 4 2019 the town approved the purchase of Haddam Elementary School. The Town has until October to complete the transfer. The Board of Finance will discuss how it will be paid for over the next three (3) years. We asked Howard Thiery to provide us with all work that has been done to the building. We are also working on a survey to locate the borders of the property. The Town Planner will begin put together Public Hearings so we can discuss what to do with the building next.

**Approval of Butterfly 5K walk:** August 18, 2019 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Maggi made a motion to approve the Butterfly 5K walk. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Summer Breeze:** Cycling Event – July 21, 2019 – Schlag made a motion to approve the Summer Breeze event. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Award McTigh Road:** During Phase 1 of McTigh Road there were many water issues due to the natural spring. Prior to starting the next phase, we needed to have engineering work done. Jacobson did the engineering. The Town received a letter from Jacobson recommending Hubert E. Butler out of Portland in the amount of \$517,250. Schlag made a motion to award Hubert E.

Butler the McTigh Road bid in the amount of \$517,250. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Award Revaluation Services:** The Town received 3 bids from Revaluation Services. e-Quality for \$130,000; Tyler Technologies for \$189,500 and Vision for \$190,982. Maggi made a motion to approve e-Quality for Revaluation Services in the amount of \$130,000. There was a brief discussion regarding additional fees. Approved unanimously.

**Bond Ordinance Resolution:** We need to set a Public Hearing within 30 days of filing the Resolution with the Town Clerk

Schlag made a motion that we add to the Resolution in Section 8, the “First Selectman is authorized after review and approval from the Board of Selectmen to execute” There was a brief discussion. Schlag Yay, Milardo & Maggi Yay.

Maggi made a motion to keep the Resolution as it was written by the Bond Counsel and was written previously. Schlag stated she is not in favor of putting everything on a credit card. Maggi & Milardo Yay, Schlag Yay.

**Set a Public Hearing:** June 26, 2019 6:00 pm re: Bond Ordinance Resolution.

**Set a Town Meeting:** We need to transfer funds from Assessor’s Operating to the Capital line for the Revaluation. We also received an additional \$225,000 in a DECD Grant for Scovil Hoe for remediation. June 26, 2019 6:00 pm for a Public Hearing and June 26, 2019 at 6:30 for a Town Meeting.

Maggi made a motion to Schedule a Public Hearing & Town Meeting for the Bond Ordinance Resolution. Milardo & Maggi Yay; Schlag Yay.

Milardo made a motion to send to a Town Meeting to transfer \$38,073 from the Operating budget to the Capital budget. There was a brief discussion regarding the dollar amount necessary to go to a Town Meeting and there was a suggestion it be brought to the Charter Revision Commission for review. Approved unanimously.

Schlag made a motion to send to the Board of Finance and to a Town Meeting to accept and spend the DECD Grant in the amount of \$225,000. No further discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Schwing, Ed: commented that there were not enough full members appointed between 2018 & 2019 and there were several meetings and votes taken. It was suggested to ask the Town Attorney if it was legal.

Perron, Neal: commented that the Butterfly 5K is for Rachel Corbin, Haddam Killingworth High School C/O 94 “After a long and brave fight against cancer, she passed away peacefully last night. She spent the day surrounded by family, and we shared messages of love from so many who cared about her. Rachel was so strong she was still able to communicate her wishes for peace, a gift for those who love her. She will continue to inspire so many with her bravery, strength and love.

Buzzi, Brenda: asked if there would be a committee put together for Haddam Elementary School? Milardo stated the Town Planner will be taking care of that process.

Milardo: there was a property transfer for Boulder Del Road that happened in 2013 – 2014 and it never went to Town Meeting to accept it. Schlag made a motion to send the Property Transfer for Boulder Del Road to a Town Meeting. There was a brief discussion that Boulder Del Road would be transferred to the Haddam Land Trust. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Maggi made a motion to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 7:05 pm  
Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli