

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – August 2, 2017 (Approved Minutes)

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

Sean Donlan and Robert Duval were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Donlan made a motion to approve the Agenda. Duval seconded. No Discussion. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Donlan made a motion to approve the July 5, 2017 minutes. No Discussion. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Mark Lundgren, 40 Hickory Lane, Higganum: read a letter written to the Board August 2, 2017

Dear Haddam Board of Selectmen,

I am seeking Information on the status of Hidden Lake Road, from Shore Drive east to Killingworth Road{81}. I want to thank Mr. Dave Carlson for bringing this topic to the forefront. From the various markings on the road apparently something is being planned.

This portion of the road has the highest priority for rebuilding when traffic counts and accidents are used. My own accident experience was being forced Into the gutter, by an oncoming furniture truck, and hitting a rock outcropping across from East Shore Drive. These rocks protrude on a hill and curve and also has a telephone pole (one of two poles on hills and curves) that needs to moved away from the road.

When looking at the Lake's dam from the road you will see a Board across the top of the dam which adds to the 'water over the road' problem between East Shore and Shore Drives. This heightened elevation of the dam has been installed without the approvals of the State or Town. This Board needs to be removed.

Because of any drainage changes in this area requires DEEP and Wetlands Commission review and approval, I have the following questions: 1) Are engineering drawings available yet? 2) Has DEEP made its review? 3) When will this project come before the Wetlands Commission? 4) When is the Public Hearing anticipated?

Ed Schwing, 143 Church Hill Road: What does each Selectman thing of the following three (3) items in the revised Charter: 1.) adding another person to the Board of Finance 2.) Competitive Bidding? 3.) Changing of the appropriations?

Donlan: we appointed a board to do a job, they made their presentation. His voice should not be any stronger than other residents. The residents will get to vote on the Charter. In response to the specific questions asked: Donlan doesn't mind an additional person on the Board of Finance, is in favor or the competitive bidding to have a reasonable floor amount – it is too low and am not sure on what you mean by the appropriations.

Duval: The commission was found and they spent a lot of time working on this. The people of the town will vote on the Charter. My opinion on whether I like it or not does not matter, the town people will vote on it.

Milardo: We voted on the commission and had eight (8) people address the Charter. It was brought to Public Hearings, there were recommendations. It went back to the Commission. It will go back to the people to vote if they want the Charter revised.

Comments regarding Lundgren's Letter: Milardo: Deep has been involved in the process. The markings on the road did not come from the town. There were engineering drawings that were done at the time the Dam was overflowed – there are regulations that need to be followed. I don't believe it's required to go to Wetlands. I don't expect there to be a Public Hearing. There is work that is scheduled to be done on Hidden Lake. **Lundgren:** Have you gotten anything in writing from DEEP? **Milardo:** I do have an e-mail from the Board of the Hidden Lake Association that entails some information from the engineer from DEEP. From what I understand from talking with Phil Goff the Hidden Lake Association Board years ago threatened to sue the Town if the Town did any work on the road. Their concern was if the road increased in height that it would not work properly for drainage. At that point in time, they didn't want to fight with the Hidden Lake Association Board. I reached out to Allen Stoke and Mary Shea about a year ago. We've had meetings with Allen Stoke. His concern is about raising the road and we've taken their engineering report and DEEP's comments into consideration, along with the Town engineer who has a file on that. Work is being looked at to do accordingly. **Lundgren:** Can you tell us what kind of work is planned? **Milardo:** I know there are drainage issues and there is milling and paving that needs to be done on the road. **Lundgren:** How about the boulders? **Milardo:** I don't know, I'd have to look at that. Public Works is in charge of and I **Lundgren:** If I went to Public Works I could get all this file? **Milardo:** I don't know if you'll get the file, the Town Engineer would have all the files. **Lundgren:** As a private citizen, can anyone go to the Town Engineer's office and look at those files? **Milardo:** I don't know if they are open for the public, I guess we could request those files. I'm happy to look into it. I think I need more specific questions on what you are looking for. If you want to send me an e-mail, I'm happy to do that. **Lundgren:** Do you plan to have new engineering drawings. **Milardo:** I don't think there are engineering drawings for that piece of the road, I think there are engineering drawings for the Dam that DEEP did years ago. **Lundgren:** Do you plan to have engineering drawings for the road work you plan on doing? **Milardo:** New engineering? No. **Lundgren:** So there's no actual drainage work to be done? **Milardo:** No, I didn't say that. **Lundgren:** but you have no idea what it is? **Milardo:** Jacobson has the engineering drawings. **Lundgren:** There are engineering drawings and Jacobsen has them. I'm just trying to find out where I can go to see them. **Milardo:** I would say you have to FOIA my office and I'd have to find out from Geoff Jacobson and get a copy of those drawings. **Milardo:** Is there a concern that the road is being improved? **Lundgren:** The point is that it's the heaviest traveled road the town actually has and it's the highest accident rate parcel of road. **Milardo:** How do you know that? **Lundgren:** because many years ago I did see a report – I'm hoping it's in the engineers file as you say you don't have any files. **Milardo:** The River Cog does traffic studies – at that point the River Cog didn't exist so I'd be curious to know / see what study you are referring to. Another reason why we are having all the roads addressed by VPH is to see what needs to be done on every road so we know what we are looking for down the road. **Lundgren:** Would you please consider doing something about the rock out cropping's at least? **Milardo:** I'm sure the engineers have looked at that and I'd be happy to bring that to their attention just like I have for any other resident on any other road we are working on.

Tax Refunds:

Real Estate (01)		
Murtha Marjorie Trustee		\$628.50
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Motor Vehicle (03)		
Jeffrey	Harke	\$198.45

Thomas	Cook	\$9.02
Robert & Sharon	Goldberg	\$17.60
Mark	Morenz	\$79.24
Suzanne	Madore	\$16.25
Cab East LLC		\$161.61
Cab East LLC		\$50.60
David	St. Lawrence	\$71.15
John	Chiarella	\$9.05
		\$612.97
Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)		
Michel	Pariseau	\$169.14
John	Coccoma Jr	\$6.00
		\$169.14
Grand Total:		\$1,410.61

Donlan made a Motion to approve the Tax Refunds. No discussion. Approved Unanimously.

Haddam Land Trust: There was a brief discussion regarding the request for a tax abatement. Donlan made a Motion to abate the taxes for the Haddam Land Trust from the date in which they acquired the property. Duval seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Reports:

- **Municipal Agent for the Elderly:** The wait list has been lifted for the Meals on Wheels! She assisted in person or on the phone 41 people. She is helping Veterans with their health insurance. Due to the Ct General Assembly's lack of a budget the Farmers Market Coupon Booklets cannot be distributed and the program was eliminated.

Old Business: Charter Revision: There was a brief discussion regarding the Report & the final draft that was presented to the Board. Duval made a Motion to process this, publish this and send it to referendum in November. Donlan seconded. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

New Business:

- **Bikes for Kids Event** Taking place on Sunday October 1, 2017 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Donlan made a motion to Approve Ride as they are permitted to do by law. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.
- **Award of bids:** All are in the Capital Budget - **Wheel Loader.** Able Tool and Equipment came in as the lowest bidder. There was a brief discussion. The recommendation from Chris Corsa is that we go with Able Tool and Equipment. Donlan made a Motion that we accept Able Tool and Equipment's bid for a Wheel Loader in the amount of \$105,388.00 as the low bidder. No further discussion. Approved unanimously. **Axle Truck** – There was a brief discussion. \$185,000.00 was put aside in Capital. The bid came in lower. Donlan made a Motion to accept the Freightliners Bid of \$173,065.05. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

- **Scovil Mill Contract** – We received a bid from DECD for the Brownfield Revitalization for \$200,000.00. The Building Committee met with BL Companies and it is their recommendation that we go with BL Companies. Duval made a Motion that we accept the bid for Scovil Hoe Building in the amount of \$144,500.00. Donlan seconded. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
- **Town Meeting:**
There was a brief discussion regarding Nason Group, LLC.
Donlan made a motion to send to a Town Meeting the Resolution to accept the remaining lands at the Chatham Lake Subdivision in Lieu of Taxes from Nason Group, LLC. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Easement.
Donlan made a Motion to send to Town Meeting the Resolution to accept the grant of an Easement from the State of Connecticut of portions of its property adjacent to Haddam Dock Road.

There was a brief discussion regarding the additional parcel.
Donlan made a Motion to send to Town Meeting the Resolution to accept additional parcel 1-RR and Easement from State of Connecticut re: Haddam Old Jail House properties. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Tony Giamei: 224 Silver Spring Drive: The primary for the Probate Judge is on September 12, 2017 will that conflict with the Town Meeting? No it will not.

Duval moved to adjourn meeting at 7:05 PM. Donlan seconded. Approved unanimously.
Minutes taken by: JoAnn Ricciardelli