

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – April 10, 2023 (Approved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. There was a brief discussion. Anderson made a motion to Amend the Agenda to include the appointment of Dorothy Gillespie to the Higganum Cove Committee. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2023: Moriarty made a motion to approve the March 13, 2023 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: N/A

Selectman's Update: Attached as Schedule I.

Moriarty asked if the multigenerational park is contingent on the money we spend on the roof? The Town has \$400,000 set aside in the Capital Budget for the roof. The Town received a grant in the amount of \$480,000 for the roof project and other site improvements which includes the multigenerational park. It has not been determined how the \$880,000 will be spent.

Anderson asked why the tree was removed from HES. It was diseased and need to be removed. April 22, 2023 the Women's Club will be hosting a Vendor Fair at HES.

On June 3, 2023 the Farmer's Market will begin. It will take place on Saturday mornings.

Anderson also thanked the Board of Education Facilities Committee for extending an invite for a representative to attend their meetings.

Board of Education Update: (Attached as Schedule II)

Tax Refunds: Moriarty made a motion to accept the tax refunds in the amount of \$1,130.76. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. (Attached as Schedule III)

New Business:

Appointment Higganum Cove Committee: Anderson made a motion to appoint Dorothy Gillespie to the Higganum Cove Committee. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation of Social Services Assistant: Sandi Meegan resigned from the Social Services Department.

Appointment of Animal Control Officer: Moriarty made a motion to appoint April Leiler as the Animal Control Officer. There was a brief discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Capital Budget: There was a discussion regarding the Capital Budget. Anderson made a motion to approve the Capital Budget as presented in the amount of \$1,869,100. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: N/A

Next Meeting date/place: The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 8, 2023** and will be held at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: Anderson made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2023-04-10

Projects

- Rossi Property
 - RFPs issued for:
 - Licensed Environmental Professional- Tighe & Bond awarded the contract
 - Site development. No change
- Scovil Hoe – Parker Benjamin (site developer) is planning on having a groundbreaking in April 30th 1-3 p.m.
- HES – Unscientific survey for resident input. Intend to seek more public input aided by a consulting firm.
- Higganum Cove – Improved access by grading. Cleared vistas for the falls.
- Community Septic – Test pits are in and will be monitored until April. No report yet.
- Swing Bridge
 - Signalized extended lane closures won't occur. Instead daily, single lane closures with flagger control can occur at any time.
- Bridge Road/Haddam Center Sidewalks – Nothing to report.
- Private Projects
 - Blueway Commons
 - Ribbon Cutting May 9th, 11 - 1

Personnel

- On agenda
- Resident Trooper 2nd shift will be posted.

Other

- 3 car break-ins over the weekend – Nason & Grapevine. 2 cars unlocked, other had valuables visible on the seat. A stolen car was recovered on Old Ponset Rd.

Summary of March 2023 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

Cougar Pride – HKIS Kindness Club

Principal Eric Larson introduced students from the Intermediate School Kindness Club led by teacher Jodi Stupakevich. The club has been working to spread kindness through the school and into the community. They have set up free compliment tables and sent letters and cards to people within the community, including a resident who recently turned 100 years old. The students shared free compliments to the Board members and staff – which were greatly appreciated.

Report from Student Representatives

Callen Powers reported that Mr. HK took place on Thursday March 9th and served as a fundraiser this year for the HK TV program's field trip to the NYC Film Festival. The hockey team is in the state play-offs and their next game is scheduled for Thursday at Trinity College. The HK Music department is holding a spring concert for chorus on March 16th. Senior portfolios are almost complete, and on March 8th WTNH aired a segment called "What's right with schools" featuring several HK seniors working on their portfolios. Course sign-ups are being finalized for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, and there are a variety of new courses being offered such as "If you love it, teach it", "From Bach to Beatles", "Hispanic Culture Through Film", and a new course in physical education that deals with conflict in sports. There are also a variety of new internships available.

Superintendent's Report

- The first new boiler at KES has been installed and is up and running. The second boiler is expected to be installed over the summer.
- The District received a 3 year \$300,000 mental health grant that will help in providing services for Middle school and high school students next year.
- On February 10th, the Governor signed Emergency Certification Bill 6671 which provided an additional \$60 million of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to allow school districts operating the National School lunch program to offer meals at no cost to students for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Starting March 1st, the district went back to serving free meals. Superintendent Wihbey wanted to thank a generous anonymous community member who paid the entire amount of the students balances for the months of January and February.
- The District has hired 8 new substitute teachers since January.
- The Curriculum office submitted the Reading waiver to the state Department of Education on February 14th.
- The high school was granted a Project Lead the Way grant in the amount of \$10,000 for engineering and computer science.

HKHS Field Trip-New York Film Festival

Principal Hayward and teacher, Kasha Topa-Finberg presented an upcoming field trip to the All-American High School Film Festival, which is an opportunity for the students to learn from professionals and other colleagues from other schools. Principal Hayward presented the festival flyer providing the dates and costs associated with the trip. The students will submit films prior to the event and attend screenings throughout the festival on the big screens. The cost will be paid by student/parent funding along with fundraising efforts. The Board unanimously approved the field trip.

ON OUR WEBSITE:

The 2023-24 budget information is available on the www.RSD17.org website under the BOE menu option [BOE Budget and Updates](#) and the RSD 17 Master Plan Information is also available on the website under the District Facilities menu option [RSD 17 Facilities Study and Master Planning Website](#).

April 10, 2023 - Board of Selectmen's Meeting - Schedule III

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Prior/Current</u>
Real Estate (01)			
Becker, louise	2021-01-241	\$97.82	current
Total:		\$97.82	

Personal Property (02)			
			current
Total:		\$0.00	

Motor Vehicle (03)			
ccap auto lease	2021-03-51621	\$150.49	current
financial ser veh trust	2021-03-52982	\$560.60	current
financial ser veh trust	2021-03-52988	\$225.02	current
Total		\$936.11	

Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)			
Toyota Lease	2021-04-81460	\$96.83	CURRENT
Total:		\$96.83	

Grand Total: **\$1,130.76**