

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – September 12, 2022 (Approved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:35 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: Moriarty made a motion to approve the agenda. There was a brief discussion. Moriarty amended the motion to include discussion of the Shad Museum under new business after discussion of Fire Department Assistant. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: August 8, 2022: Anderson made a motion to approve the August 8, 2022 minutes. No discussion. Moriarty abstained. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Andeen, Alan: Beaver Meadow Road Culvert – there gap on the top of the blocks that means there is a gap on the bottom. The person in-charge of the project needs to check that.

Route 81 – Burr School. In the morning when the buses are dropping off and at pick up, parents are blocking traffic. Can something be done about that?

Duval, Mike: Asked about the status of Chamberlain Hill Road paving. The road is bad and is only 3/10 of a mile long. He would like to know when it will be scheduled for paving.

Selectman's Update: Attached as Schedule I

Anderson: The Farmers Market resumed on Friday, September 9th and will continue each Friday from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm until closing day on September 30th.

Haddam River Days will be on Saturday, October 1st at Haddam Meadows, the rain date is Sunday, October 2nd. The Town is waiting for approval from DEEP to conduct the fireworks.

Fall Festival, which will include Grims' Haunted House, will be on Friday, October 28th – Sunday October 30th. There will be a Tractor Parade on Saturday, Trunk or Treat, kids festival and a concert by the band Rocklanding.

Holiday Season, There will be a "Pop-Up Holiday Market" to take place at HES which will coincide with a tree lighting.

The Economic Development Commission has 2 open positions. If anyone is interested, please contact the Town Hall.

Board of Education Update: Jennifer Flavora presented the Board of Education update. (Attached as Schedule II)

Tax Refunds: Anderson made a motion to accept the tax refunds in the amount of \$12,592.16. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. (Attached as Schedule III)

New Business:

Haddam Parks & Recreation Commission: Moriarty made a motion to reappoint Jason Lonergan to the Haddam Parks & Recreation Commission. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Award Bid for paving of Fire Station 1 and Fire Station 2 parking lots: Moriarty made a motion to award the paving bid to JJ Dibble for the paving at Fire Station 1 and 2. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of hiring an Administrative Assistant for Haddam Fire Departments: Scott Larson presented to the Board a request to hire an Administrative Assistant. The Board supported the request. The Board would like more information on the salary.

Discussion of moving the Shad Museum: Lisa Malloy, of the Haddam Historical Society, made a presentation to the Board for support in moving the Shad Museum to the former Haddam Elementary School (HES). Anderson made a motion to support the primary conceptional plan to move the Shad Museum the HES property with the understanding that the Haddam Historical Society will handle the moving fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution re: Higganum Center DECD Grant: Bill Warner presented to the Board a resolution for the Higganum Center DECD Grant re: Rossi property. There are no matching funds required from the Town. Moriarty made a motion to approve the First Selectman to sign. There was a brief discussion. Moriarty amended the motion to table discussion until the application for the grant is complete. No further discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Affordable Housing plan: Bill Warner made a presentation to the Board. Moriarty made a motion to approve the affordable housing plan as presented. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: N/A

Next Meeting date/place: The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 11, 2022** and will be held at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Adjournment: Moriarty made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2022-09-12

Projects

- Rossi Property – Applying for a brownfield remediation grant. (On this meeting's agenda)
Conducting final negotiations with ROLUMCO. Plan to present final agreement in October for approval/rejection
 - Meeting of BOS – 10/11
 - Meeting of BOF– 10/19
 - Meeting of PZC – 10/20
 - Public hearing - 11/2 – Public discussion on the purchase.
 - Town meeting - 11/9 – Vote to approve/disapprove.
- Scovil Hoe
 - P&S agreement with DOT at OPM legal. They want clarification on who is responsible for clean-up if the development falls through.
 - Conducted interviews for environmental consultants to oversee Scovil remediation.
- Swing Bridge – Work has started.
- Bridge Road Sidewalks – No change.
- Beaver Meadow Road Culvert – The box culverts have been delivered. The contractor believes he can do the work without moving utilities. Expected completion may be as soon as late Oct. (Contractor has until December 3.)
- Haddam Center Sidewalks – Two major items remain
 - Seating area planned for the Walkley Hill end will be at the library instead.
 - 1 guy wire in the vicinity of Field Park Dr needs to be relocated
- HES – Responses to RFQ for architectural firms due Thursday 9/15.
- Private Projects – Nothing to report

Personnel – Nothing to report

Other

- COVID – Bivalent booster available
 - Case rate continues to decline. Monthly cases:
 - July – 27
 - August – 16
- Flu shots are available
- Primaries held Aug 9th. Humidity caused problems at Central Office and HNFD polling places

Summary of August 2022 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Wihbey shared with the Board that the district is moving back to normal operations for all facets as of the start of the school year, including scheduling, classroom operations, and lunch. Close review will be maintained on monitoring the health data trends.

Superintendent Wihbey provided highlights of completed and in process projects throughout the District, including work on landscaping at all schools, pavement completion at BES, and new flooring in several areas at HKHS. There are several air conditioning units currently not in operation at the High School. Engineers are scheduled to come and audit the units to provide resolution recommendations.

The Superintendent provided an update on transportation and the possible solutions for busing during construction on the East Haddam Swing Bridge. Construction of the bridge is tentatively set to begin early March 2023, and there will be 25 closures (lasting 63 hours each) scheduled for the course of the project from Sunday 8:00 pm through Wednesday 11:00 am. Additionally, there will be occasions of one-way travel that will alternate in timed intervals. An alternate bus route will be required during the 25 occasions of closure. There will be a single point of pick up/drop off, and the buses will travel through Portland over the Arrigoni Bridge as a travel route. DOT has advised that they will provide notification two weeks before the project is to begin.

The Superintendent reported that the District has filled over thirty position openings over the summer, and all new employees were ready for the opening of school. There is also a new digital District Employee Handbook that was issued on the first day of school to all RSD17 employees. The Director of Fiscal Operations is currently working to fill the open Accounts Payable position.

The Food Services department received a Supply chain assistance fund of \$36,000 to assist in the price of supplies. Universal Free Lunch has ended starting this year but RSD 17 will provide free lunch for the first 3 months of school. This will be funded by federal grant money issued to the State of Connecticut to assist in the transition to regular meal plan processes.

BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Subcommittee

Peter Sonski reported that the Finance committee formally welcomed David Solin, Director of Fiscal Operations. David was able to validate information regarding Year end and is working on creating essential reports that are due at the end of the month. The Board also discussed the new Accounts Payable position to be filled.

Facilities Subcommittee

Peter Sonski and Facilities Director John Mercier led a discussion regarding the three AC units that are not operational at the High School. Engineers will be coming to evaluate and provide recommendations for future plans.

Strategic Planning Subcommittee

Prem Aithal discussed the creation of a Board strategies draft that will fulfill Objective 2.1 as well as other potential objectives as the Board returns to a more formal structure. The focus is on several items, including policy updates and professional development.

Superintendent's Contract

The Board unanimously approved the Superintendent of Schools' amended contract and extended it to a third 2024-2025 fiscal year as presented by the Personnel and Evaluation subcommittee.

ON OUR WEBSITE:

The 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, District Core Values and District Vision can be found on the RSD17.org District Website under "District"

September 12, 2022 - Board of Selectmen Meeting - Schedule III

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Prior/Current</u>
Real Estate (01)			
Total:		\$0.00	

Personal Property (02)

comcast	2020-02-40926	\$6,773.54	prior	comcast bills should have been in East Haddam
comcast	2020-02-40096	\$797.57	prior	
comcast	2021-02-40913	\$112.83	current	
comcast	2021-02-40096	\$369.86	current	EJ electric should not have been charged interest they were added bills and had 30 days interest free.
ej electric	2021-02-40987	\$105.28	current	
ej electric	2020-02-40929	\$1,308.40	prior	
Total:		\$9,467.48		

Motor Vehicle (03)			
Oberry, Christine	2021-03-56720	\$23.86	current
Oberry, Linwood	2021-03-56722	\$11.84	current
Oberry, Linwood	2021-03-56721	\$23.02	current
Nablo, brooks	2020-03-56384	\$156.94	prior
Grabulis, Gregory	2021-03-53536	\$17.30	current
sirois, Leo	2021-03-58362	\$91.31	current
kokaszka, ronald	2021-03-54826	\$50.92	current
lafo, joann	2021-03-55002	\$12.25	current
bragoni, walter	2021-03-51010	\$54.41	current
gaudreau, philip	2021-03-53262	\$34.50	current
raczka, david	2020-03-57374	\$49.27	prior
tassmer, kirt	2020-03-58775	\$983.77	prior
reyes, tyler	2021-03-57595	\$168.76	current
wilcox, anna	2021-03-59667	\$376.97	current
guarino, louis	2021-03-53655	\$36.01	current
rutledge, michael	2021-03-57930	\$137.15	current
vw credit	2021-03-59377	\$111.38	current
rutan, stuart	2021-03-57923	\$80.50	current
rutan, stuart	2021-03-57924	\$154.54	current
griswold, patricia	2021-03-53629	\$17.46	current
Total		\$2,592.16	

Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)

Total:		\$0.00
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Grand Total: **\$12,059.64**