

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – June 3, 2015

Schlag called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Haddam Neck Firehouse. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Minutes – May 27, 2015: Donlan moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Schlag and Donlan approved; Duval – abstained because he was not at the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Donlan moved to add reports and announcements to the agenda. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Mark Lundgren, Senior Center Manager, thanked Haddam Neck residents for helping this past winter with the new “snow bank program”. This program was set up to help residents who for some reason needed help in getting their snow plowed and shoveled. Three residents from H.N. needed help. Lundgren specifically wanted to thank Tom Danaher who would not take any numeration.

Lundgren extended an invitation to the annual senior picnic that will be held on June 15, 2015 at 11:30 A.M. at Field Park. Anyone who may need a ride, please contact Lundgren at the Senior Center so he can make arrangements for a driver.

Reports – School Budget: Schlag stated the R.D. #17 school budget passed. The totals were Killingworth – yes – 637 no – 238. Haddam – yes – 734 no – 1,066. The budget passed by 67 votes. Haddam had a turnout of 31.8%.

Animal Control Officer May Report: Schlag stated the ACO continues to give very detailed monthly reports and is working very hard. Job well done!

Municipal Agent for the Elderly May Report: Mark Lundgren was present and read his report to the BOS. He reported about entertainment, card making, renter's rebate and upcoming trips. On August 24, 2015, there will be an “application day” at the senior center. This will include SNAP, 9 town Transit, farmer's market coupons and other information.

Announcement: Schlag read the following announcement into the minutes.

“CT DOT will begin work on the Higganum Bridge located in front of the Rossi property at the intersection of Routes 154 and 81. You can expect to see a DOT presence starting on June 8th. The portion of 154 from the Elementary School to Parsonage Road will be reduced to one on or around June 30, 2015. This bridge replacement project is expected to last two construction seasons, with an estimated end date of November 7, 2016.

The Rossi site will be used for DOT staging and some equipment storage. Arborio Corp, who has been contracted to do the work, is renting office space above the Brookside Grill.

There will be a public meeting to discuss the project details on June 11, 2015 at the Community Center, 7 Candlewood Hill Road, Higganum at 5:00 P.M. Representatives from DOT and Arborio Corp will be present to answer questions at this meeting. If you have other questions feel free to contact Liz Glidden at 860-345-8531 Ext. 219 and she will try to answer them or find out the answer for you.”

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to approve a refund to CoreLogic Real Estate Tax Service in the amount of \$27.46 for property on Leon Burr Road for excess payment. Approved unanimously.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business – 8-24 Referral and Report for the P&ZC for acceptance of 13,477 square feet of land that is the western portion of Lot 24-2 on Map 41 and located west of the existing road bed that is the emergency access between Schuler and Gunger Hill Roads: There is an existing unpaved town Road between Gunger Hill Road and Schuler Road. In 2014, this road was improved for emergency access as part of the preparation of Brookline Forest II that is at the end of Gunger Hill road. As plotted, this road has steep topography and an acute turn that does not meet the current engineering standards for town road. The property owner for Brookline Forest II, Rogers Realty, offered the Town 13,477 square feet of land that lies west of the existing town road and east of Lot 42-2. The purpose of this property is to provide land to the Town that is less steep in the event this acute curve in the road needs to be straightened. The additional land would provide an area for grading or right-of-way if the road were to be straightened. Planning and Zoning would like to consider this land as part of CGS 8-24 Referral at their June 4, 2015 meeting. At said meeting the P&ZC will discuss the compatibility with the POCD and issue a report to the BOS. After a brief discussion, Donlan moved to send this request to P&Z for their evaluation and approval. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: A representative from Be Free Solar was present to discuss a full-time building official. He stated the turn-around time with Haddam is within 2 or 3 days for permits. Killingworth takes weeks to get permits. He feels it is important to have a full-time building official. He does not believe sharing with another town is in the best interest of either town. The BOS thanked the representative and Schlag stated the BOS has not made their decision yet. Schlag stated the building department and LUO will be combined to one department. The LUO and building department staff will be cross-trained so that if one is out the other one can provide the assistance expanding the level of service to residents.

Ed Munster questioned the number of hours each town would have. Right now, Killingworth's Building Official only works 15 hours. If we have a full-time person for both towns, it would be 50% in Killingworth and 50% in Haddam. Schlag stated the coverage would not be 50-50. She is still in discussions with the Killingworth First Selectman.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli