

Selectmen's Meeting – August 26, 2015

Schlag called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.N. in the conference Room at the TOB.
Donlan and Duval were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Minutes – July 15, 2015: Donlan moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None at this time.

At this point in the meeting Schlag asked to move up Additions/Transfers/Request for Board of Finance and request for a disbursement line for grants to accommodate the Financial Coordinator who was present at the meeting.

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The BOS received a letter from the finance department about line items that are over budgeted for fiscal year 2014 – 2015.

Tax Collector's Budget - \$127.22 because of the asst. tax collector retiring.

Town Clerk's Budget - \$295.90 for extra hours needed to take minutes at town meetings when the town clerk was not available.

Resident Troopers budget - \$480.02. The state sends an estimate for budget purposes, however, the actual salary plus benefits increased after budget preparation.

Dispatch Services - \$1,244.00. The Colchester Emergency dispatch budget was not adopted prior to our budget adoption and was higher than budgeted.

Public Works and Tree Warden: Several lines have to be adjusted to make up for Public Works overages in the amount of \$303,508.70 due to the extreme winter season.

Schlag moved to forward these requests to the BOF for consideration and to schedule a Town Meeting. Approved unanimously.

Schlag moved to forward the following request to the BOF for consideration. To request a disbursement line for the following grants.

Jail Grant - \$300,000, Nutmeg Grant - \$39,600, State Bridge Grant (Dish Mill Bridge) - \$242,539, OPM UCOA Grant - \$15,000 and Cemetery Grant - \$2,000.

Approved unanimously.

July Reports – Municipal Agent for the Elderly: Lundgren thanked the BOS for granting a number of appeals to the Town's Elderly & Disabled Tax Relief Ordinance. It was a quiet month at the center due to vacations and heat. The trip for July was to Noank's famous Abbott's Lobster in the Rough. The next trip will be August 20th to the Thimble Islands. Schlag stated the ramp at the center needs to be replaced and a cover will be over the new ramp. The parking lot will be repaved and Lundgren is looking into a projector so they will be able to watch movies.

Animal Control Officer: Schlag stated the ACO continues to deal with missing cats, dog bites, etc. The town is very lucky to have Daun Kowalski as its ACO and she also helps other surrounding towns as well.

Correspondence – Resident Troopers Contract 7-1-15 to 6-30-17: Schlag moved to allow her to execute the Contract between the State of CT Resident Troopers and Town of Haddam for a two year term July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017. Approved unanimously.

Legislative Update re: Registrar of Voters: Schlag announced there is a new law that requires all registrars to become certified. The courses will be offered through UCONN. It will cost the town \$1,600 per registrar to be certified for a four-year term.

Use of Roads for CT Cycling Advancement Program, Inc.: Schlag received a request from the CT Cycling Advancement Program, Inc. to use town roads for their Connecticut Cycling Festival's CT Gran Fondo ride on September 19, 2015 from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. There will be approximately 200 riders plus 10 support vehicles. Schlag moved to allow them to use town roads. Approved unanimously.

CT Bridle Trail: Schlag received a request from the Bridle Path Conservancy to extend their trail for horses through the 34 acre open space parcel behind the firehouse that is owned by the Town of Haddam. Schlag moved to send a letter of support to allow them to use the town's property. There will be no cost to the town. Approved unanimously.

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to approve the following refunds.

Michael or Nancy Distefano - \$109.51 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

William Riebold - \$9.15 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

William Riebold - \$5.92 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

David Goodwin - \$15.60 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Paul or Patrizia Crete - \$26.14 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Patrizia or Paul Crete - \$38.97 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

James or Pamela Johnson - \$19.65 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Gilbert Madore DBA G. Madore Landscaping - \$343.78 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Sean or Lori McHugh - \$417.23 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

George or Margaret Petersson - \$47.27 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Peter Negralle - \$59.90 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Robert Pytlik - \$5.36 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Mary or Kenneth Bird, Jr. - \$33.29 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Peterson D L Trust - \$190.94 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

VW Credit Leasing LTD - \$289.25 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Geoffrey or Lauren Woods - \$17.98 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Phillip Frick - \$18.23 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Yvonne & Thomas Kobylenski - \$200.00 – real estate – excess payment.

Robin Mason - \$446.25 – real estate – excess payment.

All of the above approved unanimously.

Resignations – Derek Turner Gateway Commission: Schlag received a letter of resignation from Derek Turner from the Gateway Commission, effective immediately. A letter will be sent to him thanking him for his service on this commission.

Appointments – Susan Bement – Gateway Commission: Schlag moved to reappoint Susan Bement to the Gateway Commission for another two-year term to expire June 30, 2017. Approved unanimously.

New Business: The BOS's next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 2, 2015 at the HN firehouse. Due to the Haddam Neck Fair that week, the meeting will be at the TOB Conference Room. The BOS's scheduled meeting for September 16, 2015 will be at the HN firehouse.

Public Comments: A resident asked if there is a Cell Tower Task Force. Schlag stated she is looking into real estate with a small task force, but no formal committee has been appointed yet.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli