

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – December 16, 2015

Milardo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the TH. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Minutes – December 2, 2015: Donlan moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Don Giboski asked about the cut trees that are at the town garage and what is being done with them. Mr. Giboski also noticed the handicapped signs at the Public Health Building on Jail Hill Road have been down for quite some time. Wanted to know when they will be put back up. Milardo will contact Phil Goff to have them put back up. Giboski also asked about the town getting a dumpster again at the TOB. Milardo stated the trash from the senior center and the town office building has been transported to the transfer station by the senior van driver in the van. This is a health issue and should have never been done.

Melissa Schlag stated the trees that are at the town garage are being sold for lumber. The town has already received a check for \$1,700. Schlag also asked why the Special BOS meeting was held in the middle of the day and there were no public comments on the agenda. Milardo stated to accommodate the other BOS members and their schedules. It is not unusual to have special meetings during the day.

Ed Veselek asked about getting a street light up at the Exit 7 ramp. Mr. Veselek also stated that Tylerville will be getting city water, can they also look into sewers for Tylerville. A discussion was had regarding the traffic on Bridge Road.

Joe Laurenza asked if the First Selectman could check with the coast guard to see why it is taking so long for the East Haddam Bridge to stay open. Milardo stated she would check into this.

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to approve the following tax refunds.

Ronald P. or Linda M. Donley - \$5.81 for a motor vehicle. Excess payment.

VW Credit Leasing LTD - \$199.96 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Thomas V. and Patricia E. Negrelli - \$5.00 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

All of the above approved unanimously.

Reports – Animal Control Officer: Milardo stated she has met with Daun who gives excellent detailed reports monthly and is doing a great job.

Resident Troopers: There were no major incidents for the month of November. There was one residential burglary with no leads or suspects in this case. Three schools in town performed a lockdown drill this month in which all three performed them to a satisfactory level. There were no fatalities in November.

Haddam Veterans Museum Request: The BOS received a request from Ronald Annino, Chairperson for the Haddam Veterans Museum. The veterans are asking if any part of the Community Center becomes available for use, they would like to be considered. They prefer the use of the truck bay area over the hall, but if either the hall or the truck bays where the little league stores their baseball gear becomes available that would be fine. If it were to be the bay area, they would share it with the VFW Post 10690. They continue to receive donated items for the museum but have run out of space. They also would like to get the standby generator up and running in the truck bay. This would provide the town with an additional area in case of emergencies and power outages. Milardo will set up a meeting to discuss further.

Resignation – Board of Finance John Bosco: The First Selectman received a letter of resignation from the Town Clerk for John Bosco, effective immediately. Donlan moved to accept the resignation with regret. Approved unanimously.

The First Selectman received a letter of resignation from Stasia DeMichele from the Planning and Zoning Commission due to health issues. Donlan moved to accept the letter of resignation with regret. Stasia has served on this commission for many years and will be missed. Best wishes to her. Approved unanimously. Both of the above mentioned positions are elected positions.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business – Valley Shore Communications Intertown Capital Equipment Purchasing Incentive (ICE)

Program: Valley Shore Emergency Communications (VSECI) in cooperation with municipal partners is seeking a grant for the creation of a multi-site UHF system to provide enhanced communications for our rural volunteer firefighters and medical technicians. The objective is to phase in the new system over a three-year period. In order to participate in the grant, each town has to approve a Resolution of Endorsement from their legislative body endorsing the proposal and to enter into a formal inter-municipal agreement. The resolution must be approved by January 22, 2015. Milardo stated she just received the information and it will have to go to a town meeting for final approval.

Resolution – Chatham Health District: There will be a town meeting on Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Station #1 firehouse to vote on whether to withdraw from Chatham Health District.

Public Comments: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the withdrawal of the Town of Haddam from the Chatham Health District. Several questions were asked, of which Milardo was not able to answer at this time. Milardo will have more information at the Town Meeting which will be held December 23, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Station #1 firehouse. On the agenda for the town meeting will be three items.

1. To vote to accept 0.31 acres of property located on the north side of Gunger Hill Road to be conveyed from Rogers Realty Company to the Town of Haddam (for the purpose of providing additional road right-of-way).
2. To vote to accept 0.06 acres of property located on the southeast side of Park Road to be conveyed from Mark W. and Raye M. Brookes to the Town of Haddam (for the purpose of road improvements) and permanent easement from Cheryl E. Czuba on Park road for reconstruction.
3. To vote to approve the withdrawal of the town of Haddam from the Chatham Health District.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli