

Selectmen's Meeting – February 12, 2014.

Schlag opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. at the TH. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Acceptance of Minutes – January 29, 2014**

**Special BOS Meetings – Budget 2014 – 2015, January 16, 22, 28, 29 and**

**30, 2014:** After a brief discussion, it was noted the board did not receive all of the budget minutes, therefore, Donlan moved to approve the regular minutes of January 29, 2014. Approved unanimously. The other minutes were tabled until the board has time to review them.

**Public Comments:** Ed Schwing stated that after yesterday's special meeting, he feels the BOS should not fund Haddam Volunteer Ambulance \$75,000 they are asking for because of the income and surplus they had in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Schwing suggested to the BOS that they look into this budget further and reconsider giving them \$75,000. The board thanked him for his input.

**Reports:** Donlan moved to add Municipal Agent for the Elderly Report to the agenda. Approved unanimously. It was brought to the attention of the First Selectman to correct the date of appointment from the January 15, 2014 minutes for the Municipal Agent to read February 1, 2014 to February 1, 2016. Schlag moved to adjust the Municipal Agent's appointment term date to February 1, 2016. A letter will be sent to Mark Lundgren with the correct dates. Approved unanimously.

**Animal Control Officer:** The ACO continues to give a very detailed report each month. She is diligently working to make sure residents are keeping their pets warm and safe during this winter. Once again, the board praised the ACO for a job well done.

**Municipal Agent for the Elderly:** He reported earlier that the renter's rebate program was no longer accepting applications as a state budget cutback. He has since been notified that the program may be reinstated in the next budget. Six Haddam residents were denied because of this cutback this past year.

**Resident Troopers Report:** The BOS received the January 2014 report which shows they continue to do their due diligence with traffic control, motor vehicle infractions and criminal investigations. There was nothing out of the ordinary and no fatalities.

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

Aaron Henkind - \$568.97 for personal property – excess payment.

Michael Urban - \$14.16 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Alan Ortner - \$81.75 for a 2004 Audi – registered out of state.

Heather or Brian Parkhurst - \$147.61 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Heather or Brian Parkhurst - \$34.62 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Sarah Lucey - \$30.00 for real estate – excess payment.

All of the above approved unanimously.

**Appointments – Energy Task Force:** Schlag moved to appoint the following residents for a one-year term to expire February 12, 2015. Michael Trahan, Erin Buckley, Samuel Parker, Mark Stephens, and Mary Ann Gilman. Approved unanimously.

**Transfer Station Task Force:** Schlag moved to appoint the following residents for a one-year term to expire February 12, 2015. Kathleen Sullivan, Ray Bogdan, Stephen Bayley, Eric Fredericksen and Stacey Grimaldi. The charge of this committee will be to find better ways to recycle, cut down waste and reorganize the swap shop. Motion approved unanimously.

**Committee on Aging:** Schlag moved to reappoint Adele Vynalek, Helen Marica, Gloria Reiss and Mark Lundgren, terms to expire January 29, 2017. Approved Unanimously.

**Old Business – Update – Property Acquisition Dish Mill Road:** Schlag stated she spoke with Howard Pfrommer of Jacobson and Associates and has pulled the application for this project and will reapply next year when the town may get funding of 50% instead of 30%.

**New Business – Municipal Solid Waste Tipping Fee Policy:** Schlag stated that she would like to cancel the tipping fees for private haulers. Donlan asked if she is asking permission from the board to do this. Donlan asked what effect this will have on the private haulers. Schlag stated it is illegal to fund private entities. Schlag feels we should only be paying tipping fees coming from our transfer station. She had checked with the Town Attorney, Michael Wells, and he stated it is fine to do that. She feels there should be a policy in place starting March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Donlan and Duval feel that is not enough time for the haulers to adjust. After further discussion Schlag moved to create a policy to only fund tipping fees from our Transfer Station. Approved unanimously.

Donlan moved to begin the tipping fees effective April 1, 2014 to give the haulers time to adjust. Donlan and Duval – yes. Schlag – no. She feels the policy should begin March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Motion approved.

**Public Comments:** There was further discussion regarding the tipping fees from Ed Schwing stating that he feels the policy should take effect March 1<sup>st</sup>. He feels this is wasting taxpayer's money.

Donlan stated the BOS are working very hard on this years' budget and have put in many hours. Schlag thanked the board for help in getting where they are and cleaning up things that have gotten out of control.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli