

Selectmen's Meeting – January 15, 2014

Schlag opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the TH. Donlan and Duval were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comments:** None at this time.

**Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2013:** Donlan moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

**Reports – Registrar of Voters:** First Selectman Schlag received a report from the registrars with a summary list of voters for all three districts which is as follows. Democrats – 1,733; Republicans – 1,319; Unaffiliated – 2,767; other – 32; for a total of 5,851.

**Board of Education Report:** Rebecca Valenti, the RSD #17 liaison was present to give a brief report. She stated there was a cheerleading coach issue and it is being taken care of. An early retirement package committee is working to verify the cost of offering a package. They are reviewing the gifted and talented program. The BOE is working with Howard Thiery, Superintendent on the budget and meetings have been set up for the meetings. Haddam has an enrollment of 1,329 which is 58% and Killingworth has 949 which is 42%. The BOS thanked Rebecca for her work.

**Correspondence – Friends of the Connecticut River:** First Selectman Schlag received a copy of a letter that was sent to Governor Malloy from the Friends of the CT River complaining about an unsightly orange barrier (approximately 150 feet long) that CY put in. The Friends of the CT River have asked for support to remove the barrier from its current location into the channel another 150 feet and it won't be such an eyesore on the river.

At this point in the meeting, Schlag moved to add additions and transfers to the agenda. Approved unanimously.

**Additions/Transfers:** The BOS received a letter from the Board of Assessment Appeals requesting to add \$150 in the 2013-2014 budget for a continuing education workshop. "The board consists of one new member elected in Nov. 2013, a re-elected board member and the chairman of the board. The first two members have not gone through a revaluation, which will occur in 2015. These workshops are taught by assessors and offer the opportunity to ask questions. Many of these workshops are held in other towns, but this one will be in Haddam. The Haddam Assessor and Jo Ann Woickelman, Chairman of the BOAA have put this workshop together". Donlan moved to approve the request and forward to the BOF for consideration. Approved unanimously.

**Tax Refunds:** Duval moved to approve the following refunds.

David P. Woods, Jr. - \$27.54 – motor vehicle supplemental – excess payment.

David P. Woods, Jr. - \$22.34 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Ruth E. Strontzer - \$24.77 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Jean C. or Jay Cassella – \$49.44 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

James Sibley - \$70.60 – motor vehicle supplemental – excess payment.

GMAC - \$280.19 for a 2010 Dodge Caravan – vehicle sold.

GMAC - \$206.56 for a 2008 Pontiac – vehicle sold.

Darlene J. Bailey - \$28.45 – excess payment.

All of the above approved unanimously.

**Resignations – Candy Casale, Chatham Health Board of Directors:** Schlag moved to accept the resignation of Candy Casale from the Chatham Health board of Directors. Approved unanimously.

**Fire Marshal – Scott Brookes:** Schlag moved to accept the resignation of long time Fire Marshal, Scott Brookes, effective February 1, 2014. Approved unanimously.

**Appointments – Chatham Health Board of Directors:** Donlan moved to appoint Melissa Schlag to fill the vacancy of Candy Casale, effective immediately. Donlan and Duval – yes. Schlag – abstained. Motion carried.

**Fire Marshal – William Robbins:** Donlan moved to appoint William Robbins as the new Fire Marshal, effective February 1, 2014 to replace Scott Brookes. Approved unanimously.

**Deputy Fire Marshals – John Kanaowicz and Jim McDonald:** Schlag moved to reappoint John and Jim, effective immediately. Approved unanimously.

**Municipal Agent for the Elderly:** Schlag moved to reappoint Mark Lundgren for another two-year term to expire November 2015. Approved unanimously.

**Old Business:** - None at this time.

**New Business – Candlewood Brook Bridge Reconstruction:** This will be a two-year project, beginning the spring of 2015.

**DOT Rt. 82 Connector (Exit 7 ramp) Project:** The CT DOT is implementing a Pavement Preservation Program for the 2015 construction season. A section of Route 82, which runs through the Towns of Chester and Haddam, has been identified as a candidate for this program. The project will begin at Exit 7 off Route 9 southbound in Chester and ends at the Saybrook Road intersection in Haddam for a total project length of 2.75 miles. Construction to begin spring of 2015.

**Budget:** Schlag stated that Special BOS meetings are scheduled for the upcoming budget season.

**The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 – 7:00 P.M. Town Hall to vote to accept the July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 report.**

At this point in the meeting, Schlag moved to add Town Clerk's typewriter to the agenda. Approved unanimously.

Donlan moved to give the outgoing Town Clerk, Ann Huffstetler, the old typewriter she has been using for many years as a token gift from the town at a reception for her that will be held on Saturday January 18, 2014 from 3:00 – 6:00 P.M. at the Station #1 firehouse. Approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Ed Munster stated he is not a fan of Chatham Health District. He asked what is happening with them. They are only in Haddam once a week if that. He feels the First Selectman should look into all health issues with other districts and see if the town can move to another district. Schlag stated the town can't have its own health department because we would need a doctor and a sanitarian which would be too costly. The town originally went with Chatham because it was the cheaper way to go. Schlag will check into further.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli