

Selectmen's Meeting – April 2, 2014

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Minutes – March 1, 2014, Special Meeting and Regular Meeting March 19th:
Schlag moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Ed Munster quoted the minutes of February 12 regarding paying for tipping fees is illegal, the March addition of the Haddam Bulletin and the minutes of the March 19th minutes of the BOS. In these articles Munster stated Schlag said there is a State Statute that says the town cannot fund private entities. He asked Schlag how to rectify this. Schlag stated it was the BOS's decision to end the tipping fees. Munster stated that at the BOF meeting, the board voted to put the tipping fees back into the budget. Donlan stated he is not aware of the BOF putting these fees back into the budget. The BOF has not yet passed their proposed budget. A discussion ensued between Donlan and Munster. Munster asked what it would take to make the BOS pay for the tipping fees for all citizens (an ordinance, petition). Schlag stated if the BOS received a proposed ordinance, she would send it to the town attorney to review to see if it is legal and the residents would be able to vote for or against it.

Tax Refunds: None at this time.

Appointments – Board of Finance: Schlag stated at the last BOF Meeting the board voted to appoint Joe Centofanti to a full member replacing Lucille Silvestrini. Donlan moved to appoint Joe Centofanti from an alternate position to a full member, effective April 2, 2014. His term will end on November 17, 2015, which would have been Lucille's termination date. Approved unanimously.

Reports: Animal Control Officer's report was received by the BOS for the month of March. The ACO continues to be in depth with her reporting and continues to be diligent with responding to all calls. Schlag thanked Daun for her hard work.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business – Connecticut Cycling Advancement Pro Ride through Haddam: This group is requesting to use town roads in Haddam for an 80 mile charity bike ride on April 12, 2014. Duval moved to allow this group to use town roads pending an insurance form be received. Approved unanimously.

Middlesex County Coalition on Community Wellness Developing a Tobacco-Free Park Policy: Schlag received a draft letter from Thad King, Director of Health, Chatham Health District and Catherine Rees, Manager of Community Benefits, Middlesex Hospital, proposing making public parks tobacco free. Schlag will check into this further and report back to the BOS.

Red Cross Disaster Letter of Agreement: Schlag stated she met with representatives of the Red Cross and found it very interesting. She stated that when there is a house fire, the Red Cross gives the families a packet of what to do and where to go. The Shelter in case of emergencies will be the HK Middle School. The last time there was an emergency the Red Cross was not able to cook at the school, because the kitchen was not hooked up to a generator. Schlag will check into this. The BOS would like time to look this agreement over and this will be discussed at a future BOS Meeting.

Valley Shore Communications: Schlag stated she met with Rick Darin and toured the facility. She asked him about the differences between Valley Shore and Colchester Emergency Communications (KX). Schlag asked Darin if Valley Shore had the ability to cover Haddam Neck. Darin stated Haddam Neck is in their formula and Valley Shore will deduct between \$3,000 - \$4,000 from their bill and return this money to the town. Going forward next year, the BOS will look into Valley Shore for both this side of the river and Haddam Neck. Right now the town is paying to Valley Shore and KX. Duval feels we should stay with KX for Haddam Neck because East Hampton handles all emergency calls for Haddam Neck.

Lion's Club Signage: Donlan stated the Lion's will begin a fundraiser to put an electronic sign by the gazebo listing events in town and emergency information. The sign will cost approximately \$20,000. Eventually, the hope is to have the sign link up with the TOB.

Public Comments: Duval is very upset about the phone being taken out of the Great Hills Sports Athletic Field on Jail Hill Road. Schlag stated she went and checked the phone and it wasn't working so she had it taken out. The town was paying \$90 a month. Schlag stated she appreciates the hours of volunteering by Craig Anderson and William Bowles at the complex.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli