

Selectman's Meeting – June 4th, 2014

Schlag called to meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the HN Firehouse. Duval was present.
Donlan – absent – family commitment.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Minutes – May 21, 2014: Schlag moved to accept the minutes as submitted.
Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Jim McHutchison, a resident, asked Schlag if there is a decision on paying the electric bill at the Haddam Neck Fairgrounds to store the town's trucks in the winter. Schlag stated she has given it to the Town Attorney and will be on the next agenda. Schlag thanked Jim for all his years of help with the barn.

Terry Danaher asked for an update on the cleaning of the Haddam Neck firehouse. Schlag stated she is looking into hiring a cleaning service from East Haddam, East Hampton or Middletown. Danaher asked if someone could let her know when we hire someone so that she can do a walk around to let them know what needs to be done. Schlag stated she will let her know.

Mack and Natalie Stewart were present to discuss the meals-on-wheels program for the elderly. CW Resources, the meal site company, has stopped the use of volunteers to drive to homes from the town and are now going to do it themselves. It seems there were times when the meals were cold when they arrived at people's homes. Both of the Stewarts have been delivering meals for 20 years and are very disappointed. Mack asked how it was determined to stop the meals, what is the cost, and other questions. The Stewarts feel that this issue should be looked at again. None of the drivers were informed until they came to deliver the food. Schlag is aware of the recent change and will investigate further.

Reports – Resident Troopers May Report: On May 22, 2014 a body washed ashore along the banks of the CT River, in the area of the Shad Shack. Further investigation revealed that the body was a missing male from Hartford, who fell into the river around May 2, 2014.

Animal Control Officer Report for May: The ACO continues to be diligent in her job and gives great reports monthly. Thanks to Daun for all you do.

Public Hearing and Town Meeting Dates: Schlag announced there will be a Public Hearing on June 16, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the TH, followed by a Town Meeting at 6:45 P.M. for the following purpose:

To vote to accept a proposed Ordinance. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF HADDAM THAT:

(A) Section 4 of FEES for PROCESSING shall be amended with the following addition:

(B) For all Class 1 renewable energy systems as defined in the Conn Gen. St. 16-1(a) (26), the building permit fee shall be waived.

Section 1. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this regulation to reduce the cost of solar PV system installations and promote the use of renewable energy. This Ordinance seeks to:

- (1) Provide property owners and business owners with flexibility in satisfying their on-site energy needs.
- (2) Reduce overall energy demands within the Municipality and promote energy efficiency.
- (3) Streamline the permitting process for rooftop solar PV systems by updating regulations and administrative procedures related to rooftop solar PV permitting and fees.
- (4) Support the Municipality's conservation and sustainability goals.

Section 2. Applicability.

- (1) This Ordinance applies to solar PV systems modified, upgraded or installed after the effective

date of the Ordinance.

(2) This Ordinance is effective as of date of adoption unless another date is otherwise specified.

Section 3. Permit Fee.

For all Class 1 renewable energy systems as defined in the Connecticut General Statutes, the Building permit fee shall be waived.

Section 4. Licensing.

For solar energy work, our Municipality does not require any community-specific licenses over and above current State of Connecticut licensing requirements defined by the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.

Dated in Haddam, CT this 3rd day of June, 2014.

Tax refunds: None.

Resignations – Comcast Advisory Panel: A letter of resignation was received from Robert Zavod from the Comcast Advisory Panel, effective May 28, 2014. Mr. Zavod is not in town often enough to serve on this committee. Mr. Zavod has served on this panel for many years. A letter will be sent thanking Mr. Zavod for his years serving.

Schlag moved to accept the resignation. Approved unanimously. Schlag will see if anyone is interested in joining the panel.

Appointments – Burning Officials: Schlag received a letter from the Fire Marshal asking to appoint the following as Open Burning Officials to assist him: Jim Saucier, Daniel Sullivan and Robert Lenois. They all understand that this is a volunteer position and they are not compensated. They are all active members of the Fire Department and have passed the State Certification Test. Schlag moved to appoint the above burning officials. Approved unanimously.

Correspondence – Meals on Wheels Delivery: Schlag stated she received an email from Judy Nimro, coordinator of Operations for the meal site which stated “CW Resources has made a decision to deliver the home bound people from this area, their food directly from this facility, negating the necessity of the food being dropped at the Haddam Senior Center. This new system should alleviate the congestion in the kitchen as well as relieving the amount of food that our truck needs to carry. We would sincerely like to thank the tireless volunteers who have been so loyal to the folks that have needed delivery”. Further discussion ensued regarding the meals-on-wheels program. Schlag will look into concerns from above mentioned discussion under public comments. Schlag stated she will meet with Judy Nimro and some volunteers for further information.

Fieldstone Board of Directors requests the town to take over maintenance of the private roadways: First Selectman received a letter from Jack Delbrook, Fieldstone Homeowners Association (FHA), requesting the town take responsibility for the care and maintenance of two roads in their association, Fieldstone Lane and Chestnut Circle. Schlag stated it is not the town’s policy to take over private roads. Schlag sent a letter to Mr. Delbrook explaining what steps need to be followed to consider and approve town roads.

Requests for P&ZC – Send proposal for the sale of 7 acres in Haddam Neck (designated as Silvio O. National Fish and Wildlife Tract 251), Haddam Tax Map 10, Lot 23 per CT State Statute Sections 8-24 for review: Schlag received a letter from the Fish and Wildlife Service to offer the Town of Haddam \$14,001 for the above-mentioned property. Schlag moved to send this proposal to the P&ZC for 8-24 review before sending to Public Hearing and Town Meeting. Approved unanimously. Someone asked if the money received will be put into the Open Space account. Schlag stated she would talk to the BOF to

see where it will be put.

New Business – Enter into a lease for the new roll off truck: Schlag stated she has the lease for the roll-off truck for a one year agreement with a \$17,000 down payment. This money will be taken out of this year's budget (waste disposal). Schlag moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into the agreement for a six year lease with a clause that will allow the town to get out of the lease every year. Duval asked if the town would own the truck after the six year lease. Schlag stated she thought that after the last meeting, the BOF is considering paying the full amount to save on interest and fees. She will discuss with the BOF. Approved unanimously.

Schlag stated she checked with the Town Attorney regarding a town meeting for a local bid ordinance. The attorney is opposed to it because of possible collusion. Schlag stated that after talking with the attorney, she will abide by what he suggested and not do a proposed ordinance.

Old Business – 105 Bridge Road Update: Schlag did receive communication from Center Plan looking at closing date end of June or early July.

Higganum Cove, EPA Update: Schlag stated she did receive a call from the EPA and they will start with the clean-up in early July with brush cutters. There will be a Town Meeting on July 19th at 6:00 P.M. at which time the EPA will come and explain what will be done at the site. They may have to take down the water tower.

Public Comments: Lisa Malloy, Historical Society, asked to let her know when the 105 Bridge Road property is sold. There are things that have to be removed from that area. The old murals will be loaned to the River Quest at Eagle Landing State Park (nature center) to be put on display.

Mack Stewart stated that not only do the volunteers that deliver meals-on-wheels deliver the food, but they also check on the people to make sure all is well. There were times when he found people lying on the floors in their homes and got the proper care for them. He feels strongly that the volunteers should still deliver the meals.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli