

Selectmen's Meeting – June 18, 2014

Schlag opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. at Fire Station #1. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2014: Correction to the June 4th minutes. Under Higganum Cove, EPA Update, the date of the meeting should be July 9th not the 19 and it will be an informational meeting, not a town meeting. Schlag moved to approve the amended minutes. Approved by Schlag and Duval. Donlan abstained because he was not at the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Donlan moved to add to the agenda, roll-off truck and Rand property after Public Comments. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: None at this time.

Roll-off Truck for Transfer Station: The roll-off truck has been approved at a town meeting and Schlag is waiting for the BOF to decide how the truck will be paid. Schlag read the following motion from the BOF minutes of June 9, 2014. "Mr. Centofanti made the motion seconded by Vice Chairman Fredericksen to appropriate \$160,600 in unallocated Capital Non-recurring Funds for the purchase of a Roll-Off Truck and to take this action to a town meeting for approval. The motion was approved unanimously". After a brief discussion, Donlan moved based upon the BOF'S recommendation to set up a Town Meeting to transfer the funds for the roll-off truck. Approved unanimously.

Rand Property: Ralph and Mary Ann Rand came to talk to the First Selectmen regarding their property off Sima Road, near the Durham Line. They want to try to develop three acres or sell. They wanted to bring in stone for the driveway and Schlag told them no, she had to check to see what the status of the road is. There is no access to their property. Schlag did not know if the road was discontinued or if it is a town road, but is looking into it. This does not have to go to a town meeting according to town attorney. If it is an abandoned town road, they would have to pay for the infrastructure to get to their property.

They would have to enter into an agreement with the town to have access to their property at their expense.

Correspondence – Mack Stewart: Schlag received a letter from Mack Stewart regarding the meals-on-wheels program for Haddam.

Municipal Agent for the Elderly: The BOS received the May 2014 monthly report from Mark Lundgren. A State inspection was done by CW Resources Meals-on-Wheels program, which found that temperatures of food were not held high enough, the use of volunteers to deliver meals has ended and the contractor's driver, with truck with heating and cooling capacity, started June 2. Lundgren thanked the volunteers who have delivered for many years for their dedicated service.

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to approve the following refunds.

Maria E. or R.J. Pierdomenico - \$14.63 for a m.v. - excess payment.

Anthony C. Maggi - \$11.68 for a m.v. supplement – excess payment.

CAB East LLC - \$401.52 for a 2010 Ford Escape – vehicle sold.

All of the above approved unanimously.

Appointments – Brainerd Memorial Library: Schlag received a letter from the BML Board of Trustees to appoint Mack Stewart to serve on the Board of Trustees to fill the open position for the 2014-2015 calendar year. Donlan moved to appoint Mr. Stewart. Approved unanimously.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business – Town Clerk Resolution for a Grant: Schlag read the following resolution.

RESOLVED: That Melissa Schlag, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Dated at Haddam, Connecticut this 18th day of June, 2014. Signed by all three selectmen.

Duval moved to authorize the First Selectman and the other Selectmen to sign the resolution. Approved unanimously.

Award bids for gas/diesel, heating oil and lawn care: Bids were received for heating oil and gas/diesel from Tuxis Ohrs, East River Energy, Mirabito and Santa Fuel. Schlag stated that she has checked into the State DAS system and the State's prices are significantly lower than the bidders. She will check into this further and suggested we not accept any bids at this time until she further investigates. Letters will be sent to the bidders thanking them for their bids.

Lawn Care Bids: Bids were received from three vendors – Langer Landscapes, LLC - \$22,300 and \$550 per cutting of the backfield at Station #1 firehouse.

Barton's Landscaping - \$22,800 and \$250 backfield and IPM Landscapes, LLC - \$20,300 and \$250 backfield. This year the contract is for a two- year term from July 1, 2014 to October 15, 2014 and May 1 – June 30, 2015. The second year will be July 1, 2015 – October 15, 2015 and May 1, 2016 – June 30, 2016. After a brief discussion, Donlan moved to award the bid to IPM Landscapes. Schlag stated she will do a drive around all the sites with IPM and Phil Goff and if any changes need to be made, the list will be updated. Approved unanimously.

Set up Town Meeting date for the Oktavec Estate (access and utility) easement: Schlag had sent a letter to the Chairman of P&Z for a proposal for access and utility easement over a town owned ancient highway, May 40 Lot 6-2 per CT Statute Sections 8-24 for review and decision. This property is located off Little City Road. The owner is asking for the transfer of easement rights, from the town, intended to facilitate the development of a vacant lot. Schlag moved to call a Town Meeting to vote to approve this request. Approved unanimously. A resident asked the BOS to try and coordinate the Town Meetings so the meetings can be back to back.

Public Comments: Schlag brought up the idea of lowering the fee of copying from \$.50/page to \$.25 per page. Schlag stated that a young woman from Colgate University came in for an FOI request and she feels the price should have been cheaper. Ed Schwing stated it is ridiculous to charge anything for copies. The State only charges \$.10/per page. He stated we are public servants and there should be no fees. Schlag moved to lower the fees to \$.25 per page. There was a brief discussion, and then Schlag stated she would like to table this request and check with other towns to see what they charge before bringing it to a vote of the BOS. Duval and Donlan felt the fees should not be changed. It was agreed to table the request.

Mark Lundgren stated he had an energy audit done for the elderly housing complex, High Meadows, at it is not feasible to put solar there. The common area may be done and would save \$400 - \$700 a month.

A resident asked if the traffic light at the intersection of Little City Road and Route 81 can be changed to caution for the summer months. There was discussion and it was decided Schlag would look into it.

Ed Munster asked if the price of the Transfer Station tickets will remain the same at \$50.00. Schlag stated the price would stay the same. Schlag stated she had ordered tickets which are static cling. However, these tickets are not sticking the way they should, so she has ordered a new set and will return the old ones.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli