

Selectmen's Meeting – October 8, 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.

Public Comments: A resident asked if the new union contract will save any money for the town. Schlag stated for the first two years, it is a wash, but in years three and four there will be a savings. Someone asked if the Financial Director's position is part-time or full-time. Schlag stated it is a part-time job working between 25 – 30 hours, but because the Town of Haddam's regular week is 32 hours it would be considered a full-time job at Town Hall. A taxpayer asked about employees receiving mileage. Schlag explained there is no policy as yet, but she has been working on one and will bring it to the BOS. There is a question as to whether employees should receive mileage when on town time to go to various places in town. Schlag feels that if an employee is on the clock, they should not receive mileage. This should be part of their job. However, when furthering education, they should receive mileage. This discussion will be on a future BOS Meeting Agenda. A resident spoke about whether town vehicles have the "Town of Haddam" on them. Schlag stated the Assistant of Public Works does have one, but not the trucks. This resident feels all the trucks should be identified as Town of Haddam vehicles. Schlag will discuss with the Assistant Director of Public Works.

Award Consultation Bid for Incentive Housing Zone Grant RFQ: In the late fall of 2013, the PIZC was awarded a \$20,000 grant to conduct a housing study and to create an Incentive Housing Zone to allow some affordable housing units in Haddam. This Home Economic Development grant was issued by the Dept. of Housing. P&Z has received \$10,000 which can be drawn on once a consultant is selected. When that amount is drawn down, the second installment will be made. An RFQ was drafted and released June 30, 2014. The Town received two proposals; one from Milone and McBroom in Cheshire, CT and the other from CME Associates in Woodstock, CT. After interviews and review of the proposals, the selection committee recommended Milone and McBroom as the consultant for this project. Liz Glidden, Town Planner, on behalf of P&Z request the BOS authorize Milone and McBroom to execute the scope of work outlined in the RFQ. Donlan moved to award the bid to Milone and McBroom as the consultants for this project. Approved unanimously.

Reports for September – Resident Troopers, Municipal Agent for the Elderly and the Animal Control Officer: Resident Troopers – There were two bomb threats at the high school at the beginning of the school year. After an investigation a juvenile gave a confession. Haddam River Days went smoothly with no major events occurring. There were no fatalities in September. First Selectman Schlag stated a woman called her to complain about two of her cars being totaled in her own driveway along Route 154 due to speeding. The speed tracker machine has been in that area in the past. There is only one machine that several towns use and the sign is not working at this time. Duval suggested the Town buy our own machine and put in in various parts of the town.

Municipal Agent: Lundgren stated September was busier due to groups that took the summer off and have now resumed activities. In-coming President, Beth Hartke, honored long time out-going President, Gloria Maynard, who is staying involved as the program chairman. Committee on Aging met and a sub-committee was named to study and make recommendations on revising the ordinance regarding elderly and disabled tax relief. The following officers were elected: Gloria Maynard, Chairman, Jackie Crysler, Vice-chairman, Mark Lundgren, Secretary and Susan Rutty – Treasurer. The renter's rebate program has ended. An exception can be made until December 15th, 2014 with a doctor's note. Upcoming concerts are October 24th with country singer Cameron Sutphin and November 7th with Back Swamp.

Animal Control Officer: The ACO continues to be diligent in picking up animals and returning them to their rightful owners or places them with others.

Transfers: Schlag moved to transfer \$27,000 from the 2014 – 2015 Debt Service Budget to Capital Non-Recurring that was allocated for the purchase of the roll-off truck. Approved unanimously.

Old Business: Schlag spoke briefly about the Nason Group and the roads. Schlag stated that road issues will be discussed at the next BOS Meeting.

New Business – Take2 Electronic Recycling: Schlag stated Take 2 Electronic Recycling has brought a 40' trailer to the Transfer Station to recycle electronic boxes, TV's, light bulbs and batteries. Signage has been ordered. The Town will receive one and a half cents per pound. Robert Kuchyt and Melissa Schlag have been trained for this program.

Public Comments: Someone asked if Quarry Hill Road is on the list to improve for this year. Schlag stated it is not. Schlag stated that during the budget season, she will present a ten-year capital plan for roads. The focus now is Park, McTigh, Plains Roads and Dish Mill Bridge. Mark Lundgren stated the tax collections are about 10% higher than budgeted for the first half of the taxes. The town has a huge surplus of \$700,000 that will be put aside for roads. He feels the BOF should put \$1.5 million for roads. General fund surplus if we do go for grants, look at money on hand. Encourage the BOS putting money in open space fund, capital non-recurring and street lighting. Schlag would like to see a fund balance policy with percentages from the BOF. A resident asked if there would be a public hearing for affordable public housing. Schlag stated that P&Z would hold that meeting. Don Giboski stated WFS trucks are speeding. Giboski also asked about the Turkey Hill Road culvert over a brook. Schlag will check into this.

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

Paul A. Barbuto - \$63.21 motor vehicle – excess payment.

David Maher or Sheryl Iannucci - \$68.55 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Gina D. Vaccaro - \$29.75 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Maureen Kovach - \$75.58 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Cab East LLC - \$156.24 – for a 2010 Ford – vehicle sold.

Chelsea R. Griswold - \$8.09 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Brad R. or Janet Chase - \$29.44 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Steven B. Goldblatt - \$7.71 – supplemental motor vehicle – excess payment.

Emkay Inc Trust - \$61.45 – for a 2011 Dodge – vehicle sold.

Larry Smallwood - \$32.06 – for a 1991 Toyota – excess payment.

Toyota Motor Credit Corp. - \$191.16 – for a 2011 Toyota – vehicle sold.

Ronna Cannata - \$28.72 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Gelco Corporation - \$344.03 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

David Trickey - \$119.13 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

David Mullaney - \$335.51 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Earle v. Decker, Jr. - \$12.25 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Genine Berdensen - \$16.48 – for a 2006 Kawk – vehicle sold.

Michele or Dario Lombardo - \$13.55 – for a 2003 Lincoln Aviator – vehicle sold.

Robert C. and Diane Hindle - \$50.29 – for a 2000 Jeep – vehicle sold.

Bennett or Maria Lopez - \$112.44 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Raymond J. & Cheryl Jansak - \$43.81 – overpayment for real estate.

Alan and Christine Bellamo - \$112.16 – overpayment for real estate.

Gelco Corporation - \$343.10 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Gelco Corporation - \$316.36 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Yvonne Sekscenski - \$38.66 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Yvonne Sekscenski - \$29.94 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
D. L. Peterson Trust - \$188.26 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Anne Morse - \$20.00 – overpayment for real estate.
Wayne E. Marchese - \$182.52 – for a 2007 Chrysler – vehicle sold.
Jonathan P. or Laura Kuehn - \$8.60 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Timothy P. Graves - \$14.15 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Olufemi Ogunlade - \$332.23 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Honda Lease Trust - \$63.85 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Honda Lease Trust - \$111.62 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
John L. or Alice Durinick - \$12.06 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Robert A. Breault - \$94.15 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Victoria A. Breault - \$107.95 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Allen J. Anderson - \$86.46 – for a 2010 Mazda – vehicle sold.
John and Carol Bischoff - \$58.86 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Robert or Pamela Cameron - \$16.11 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Circle D. Nursery Inc. - \$17.46 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Alexander Condil - \$19.00 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Samuel D. Crum, Jr. - \$48.17 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Financial Ser Veh Trust - \$345.99 – for a 2011 BMW – vehicle sold.
Tammy Halvorson - \$20.30 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Wayne Humphrey - \$83.57 – for a 2001 Chevy Blazer – wrong code – sent to East Haddam.
Annette or Edward Margnelli - \$80.08 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Travis Sierpinski - \$93.42 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
USB Leasing LT - \$234.70 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Wheels LT - \$278.68 – for a 2009 Ford Taurus – vehicle sold.
Wheels LT - \$156.84 – for a 2009 Ford Taurus – vehicle sold.
George Yntema - \$239.83 – excess payment for real estate.
David and Ashley Dykas - \$107.60 – excess payment for real estate.
David and Ashley Dykas - \$105.82 – excess payment for real estate.
Michelle or Derek Turner - \$80.27 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Michelle or Derek turner - \$176.57 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Gary Donahue - \$12.64 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Nancy Lamonica - \$109.45 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
David Esposito, Sr. - \$88.89 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Derek Lang - \$7.59 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Marc or Lucille Silvestrini - \$65.01 – motor vehicle - excess payment.
Paul Slawski - \$53.46 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Ann Chiarella - \$500.00 – excess payment for real estate.
Catherine Morrill - \$157.27 – 2007 Hyun Tucson – vehicle registered out of state.
Rosemarie Dennis - \$50.00 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Ari Fleet LT - \$207.92 – for a 2012 Chevy – vehicle sold.
David or Kyllikki French - \$10.15 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Joseph or Ellen Picone - \$16.60 – motor vehicle – excess payment.
Paul Wilson - \$10.67 – for a 2000 Chevy – vehicle sold.
Walter and Carol Zanelli - \$24.46 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Peter B. Morgan, Jr. - \$190.54 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

Robert Baranoff - \$40.51 – motor vehicle – excess payment.

All of the above approved unanimously.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli