

Selectmen's Meeting – December 17, 2014

Schlag called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Haddam Town Hall, Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2014:

Donlan moved to accept the minutes. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

Ed Munster stated he heard about a site walk at the Higganum Cove site and assumed he was not invited because he did not receive an invitation. Schlag explained this was not a public site walk and since it is an EPA Superfund site it is closed to the public with certain exceptions. Schlag stated the EPA On Scene Coordinator Janis Tsang has requested the first selectman to give recommendations as to the site's reuse plans and has formed a task force to look at the Cove and come up with plans over the winter to be presented to the site restoration team.

Municipal Agent Report

Municipal Agent Mark Lundgren expressed his dismay that the senior center's exercise instructor is no longer available for classes at the senior center and that she is now teaching in Killingworth. Lundgren stated he is in search for a new instructor if anyone knows someone interested.

Animal Control Officer Report

Schlag stated she is always impressed with Daun Kowalski's work and yesterday was dealing with a lost horse on Route 81. Schlag thanked Daun for her work.

Tax Refunds:

Schlag moved to approve the following tax refunds.

Lynn or Jeffrey Dallas - \$24.80 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Kathryn Dybick - \$11.12 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Donlan made a motion to accept the refunds. Passed unanimously.

Speeding Issues

Schlag has received more complaints of speeding on Walkley Hill and Maple Ave. Schlag has spoken to the town troopers about it.

Higganum Cove Update

Schlag stated the EPA has applied for an extension to the statutory limit of 12 months and \$2 million for cleanup at the Cove. Schlag will update the board when she hears the outcome. The EPA will be back in the spring to finish their work at the Cove.

Resolution of Endorsement and Authorization for the Nutmeg Connection

Schlag explained the Nutmeg Network to the board.

Discussion ensued.

Donlan made a motion to authorize First Selectman Schlag to sign the authorization to apply for the Nutmeg Network Grant. Approved unanimously.

Schlag stated the town was accepted into the Municipal Benchmarking Technical Assistance Program and with the Energy Task Force will begin energy audits of town buildings in the New Year.

Jake Brake Complaints

Schlag stated she has received complaints about the use of Jake brakes in the center of town and on Turkey Hill Rd. Donlan and Duval questioned what can be done. Schlag said she spoke to the Truck Division trooper and will monitor the situation.

Public Comments:

Ed Schwing stated his dismay that industrial companies like Higganum Cove Inc. can leave contamination for the Federal government to clean up with taxpayer funds.

Duval made a motion to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Minutes taken by Melissa J. Schlag