

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – October 4, 2017 (Approved Minutes)

Lizz Milardo called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Haddam Neck Volunteer Fire Department, 50 Rock Landing Road, Haddam Neck 06424

Sean Donlan and Robert Duval were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Donlan made a motion to amend the agenda to include EDC under new business. Duval seconded. No Discussion. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Donlan made a motion to approve the September 20, 2017 minutes. No Discussion. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: Thurston: asked about the budget. Milardo state she would discuss the budget under Correspondence.

Moriarty: made a comment regarding the washout at the Town Office Building Parking lot.

Tax Refunds:

Real Estate (01)

Alan	Smith	\$861.44
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		\$1,874.82

Personal Property (02)

\$0.00

Motor Vehicle (03)

Michael & Kelly	Burns	\$166.37
Paul	Bellamo	\$25.96
Raelene	Bergenholtz	\$24.81
Jacquelyn & Jason	Esteves	\$34.83
Jennifer & Jason	Esteves	\$154.93
David & Jacquelyn	Crysler	\$6.08
Jean & Warren	Minkler	\$9.31
Marie Cullen & Lawrence		
Stankus		\$14.55
Charlise	Roper	\$73.20
		\$510.04

Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)

\$0.00

Grand Total: \$2,384.86

Donlan made a Motion to approve the October 4, 2017 Tax Refunds as presented. Duval seconded. No discussion. Approved Unanimously.

Reports:

- **Municipal Agent for the Elderly:** September Report: Eleanor assisted 33 people. She's been attending the CHOICES program. The Renters Rebate program came to a close. She completed 22 Renter's Rebate Applications. Residents will receive their checks in November. She attended the CRT Energy Assistance Program on September 27, 2017 in Hartford. She also attended the Board meeting of Haddam Elderly Housing. They are addressing some of the issues that have occurred there.
- **Senior Center Report:** The seniors helped participate in the Backpack program for "Back to School". They had a trip to the Good Speed Opera House to see a show. The newsletter is named the "Senior Scoop" The Senior Van Driver is out for about 5-6 weeks. She had surgery. We do have a substitute Van driver working. There is also Dial-A-Ride and 9 Town Transit if residents need a ride. 121 meals were served over 30 days (in August) we were still on 3 meals a week. CRT will resume 5 day a week lunch with CRT on September 5, 2017.
- **Social Services Report:** They are restocking. They have lots of eggs, bread and produce. They are continuing with an emergency closet. They did not replace the Clothing Closet. There are just a few items there in case the closing closet is NOT open. 30 adults and 16 children were served. She has assisted 2 families with the Emergency Fuel Bank. She is also starting the a monthly Women's Empowerment Support Group. There are a lot of single women who are asking for help. This will happen once a month on a Thursday from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm. She will be getting the word out.
- **Resident State Trooper Report:** There were 574 calls for service. There are a few investigations going on. There is an arrest pending for the Dunkin Donuts break in that happened in Higganum.

Old Business: None

New Business: Rudy Struck attended the last EDC meeting. He's very enthusiastic. He'd like to start up the Farmer's Market again. I've arranged for a meeting with him, myself and Gail Reynolds to get that going. Rudy wrote me a formal request earlier today. He moved to town a few months ago. I'm not going to say no to a get goer volunteer. **Duval** made a motion to Appoint Rudy Struck to the EDC. **Donlan** seconded. No further discussion. Approved Unanimously.

We need to set a Public Hearing re: Permit Fee's. In some areas we were very low and in other areas we were very high. Gary Vivian our Building Official and Liz Glidden our Town Planner put together revised fees. We haven't done in probably 20 year. WE need to set a Public Hearing and then we need to go to a Town Meeting to vote on it. **Donlan** made a motion to have a Public Hearing on October 19, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Fire House on Saybrook Road in Higganum. The Town Meeting will be October 25' 2017 at the Fire House at 6:30 pm. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

We have approved to set a town meeting on a number of items – we were waiting for one last piece to go through the Board of Finance. So everyone is aware, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm is going to be that scheduled Town Meeting.

Correspondence: The First Butterfly 5K sent us a thank you card for allowing them to do their benefit run. They had 72 runners.

Deborah Kelly, as of yesterday, October 3, 2017, resigned from her position at Youth and Family Services. She has taken a new position. Deborah has done a great job at Youth and Family Services.

Budget 2018: As of today, we still don't have a state budget. COST, CCM – those are organizations where First Selectmen, Town Managers and Mayors belong to. Everyone feels the same that we need a state budget. Many towns, including Haddam, has lost their ECS funding. We were getting about 1.8 million dollar. As of right now we are not getting that money. Our ECS payment that normally comes in for October 1, 2017, which was traditionally a little over \$500,000.00 did not get sent to the Town. This is a concern as the school budget was passed based on us getting that money. There have been several meetings between the Board of Education, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen. We had a meeting with the entire board and discussed different scenarios. We made our voices heard. Between the towns of Haddam and Killingworth we are looking at a 4 million dollar cut. The goal for the town is to NOT send out supplemental tax bills. Killingworth is looking to possibly do that. There is a lot of stress and uncertainty. We will continue to meet with the Board of Education and Board of Finance. We will wait and see what happens.

Public Comments: **R. Thurston Clark:** made a comment regarding the Connecticut Yankee Power Plant Property regarding paying their property taxes. **Milardo:** they are still being taxed. There is a bill that Joe Courtney is heading because of that waste that is still on our property – we are 1 of 13 towns across America – that they are looking to pay for the cost of having that nuclear waste still here and not having it go to Yucca Mountain. He believes it will be positive. **Sue Bemont:** made a comment regarding the large trucks driving onto the Eversource property. **Jim McHutchison:** Made a comment regarding the history of Connecticut Yankee being over taxed.

Duval made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 pm. Donlan seconded. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli