

Selectmen's Meeting – April 1, 2015

First Selectman Schlag opened the meeting at 6:04 P.M. at the TH. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Minutes – Special Meetings – January 21 & 29th, March 17th – Regular Meeting
March 18, 2015:** Schlag moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Interview Candidate for Brainerd Memorial Library Board of Trustees: The BOS indicated at a previous meeting that they would like to interview some candidates for various boards and commissions. A letter was received from the Board of Trustees of Brainerd Memorial Library asking the BOS to appoint James Simpson of Haddam Neck. Mr. Simpson was present and gave his back ground and experience and why he would like to join the Board of Trustees. After a brief discussion, Schlag moved to appoint Mr. Simpson for a one-year term for 2014 – 2015 fiscal year. Approved unanimously.

Public Comments: A question was asked as to whether the BOS will interview for other boards and commissions. The BOS stated they would like to. Ed Munster questioned the power going out again in Haddam. He stated if there is an emergency, there is no cell service. He feels there should be a cell tower for the section of Haddam that has poor service. Schlag stated she is working with Eversource and looking at different areas of town to use one of their towers. Donlan stated there was a task force to look into this and it wasn't that the town had no land; it was there was no company to build one. It has to do with profit for companies. Donlan asked Munster if he was suggesting for the town to subsidize this. Schlag stated there was one company that wanted to put one in but would only give the town \$1,200 a month. Schlag stated she is not willing to give up land for only \$1,200 a month. That location would have been at the Jail Hill Road site which already has cell coverage. Depending on a cell provider, Schlag stated she is looking for a place in Tylerville for a tower, but because of the airport in East Haddam, the flight zone would need to be checked.

Reports: None at this time.

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to approve the following tax refunds.
Yvette Dubois - \$30.39 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.
Lesley A. Sandoval - \$87.35 for a supplemental motor vehicle – excess payment.
Meredith Inkel - \$25.71 for a supplemental motor vehicle – excess payment.
All of the above approved unanimously.

Resignations – Brainerd Memorial Library – Board of Trustees: Schlag moved to accept the resignations of Tanja Moriarty and Mack Stewart, effective immediately. Approved unanimously.

Old Business – “Welcome to Higganum” sign – Haddam Garden Club’s Community Improvement “Sign Committee”: First Selectmen Schlag received a request from Robert Waller of the Haddam Garden Club to erect the last sign of their two year project to replace deteriorated signs at the various welcoming spots in town. They have restored and replaced five (5) signs around town. This last sign was carved by the Haddam Seniors group and ready for installation. Due to the pending reconstruction of the intersection of Routes 154 and 81, they would like to erect the sign temporarily on the Higganum Green across from the HES property. Donlan stated the Lion's Club is still working on an electronic sign

project. After a brief discussion, Schlag stated that the Lion's Club and the Haddam Garden Club get together to discuss both signs and come up with a suggestion for both signs. Schlag moved to allow the Haddam Garden Club permission to erect the sign after their discussion with the Lion's Club. Approved unanimously.

New Business: Donlan asked Schlag about the ECS funding for the Town of Haddam. Schlag stated Phil Miller has been on board with this and Art Linares just signed up today. There will be a hearing in Hartford on April 2, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. to give testimony in favor of the funding. Schlag will give testimony on behalf of the Town. Twenty five letters were sent to Hartford, 22 of which were from Haddam residents. Schlag will keep the BOS informed.

Public Comments: Ed Munster stated there was a panel discussion regarding ECS about a year and a half ago. The school budget money that was put into ECS only went to five schools. It all went to big cities. Schlag stated the whole system is broken and needs to be corrected to be fair to all towns.

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

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli