

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – July 12, 2021 (Approved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Anderson made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended to include Haddam Land Trust Tax Abatements under new business. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

June 7, 2021: Moriarty made a motion to approve the June 7, 2021 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

June 11, 2021: Anderson made a motion to approve the June 11, 2021 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

June 30, 2021: Moriarty made a motion to approve the June 30 2021 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Resolution: 2021 Lower Connecticut River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:

Margot Burns, Senior Environmental Planner at RiverCog made a presentation to the board regarding the plan. Moriarty made a motion to adopt the Resolution 2021 Lower Connecticut River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman's Update:

Projects:

- Rossi Property
 - 6 hotspots
 - Checking for pesticides
 - Concerns over historic fill
- Scovil Hoe:
 - Municipal Brownfield grant application is pending
 - RFP for developer will issue this month
 - Tarping on roof
- Bridge Road
 - Roundabouts
 - Sidewalks
- Beaver Meadow Road Culvert: \$408K from CT Local Bridge Program, \$335k allocated in FY20 Capital Budget
- Roads
 - Chip sealing (delayed by Tropical Storm Elsa)

- Mill Run Lane – Done
 - Silver Springs Drive – 90% done
 - Arkona Dr, Jackson Rd – start tomorrow
- Dublin Hill – Drainage done, grind this week, pave next week.
- Calliari, Depot Hill, Parsonage – Start after Dublin Hill
- Thayer, Maple Ave West after that
- Community Septic
 - DPH grand \$128k for design
 - Previously approved funds
 - \$150K – Sewer Facility Plan FY19 Capital Budget
 - \$70K – FY21 Design
 - \$30K – FY21 Road Crossings
 - RFP for engineering firm issued. Replies due 7/15
- Private Projects
 - 105 Bridge Road Multi-family – Septic design in progress
 - Brookes Court Multi-family
 - Developer expects to break ground for first building in September.
 - Hope Garden Wellness Center, Island Dock Road
 - Building permit application submitted. (3.5M project, \$60K permit fee)
 - Work planned to start in August.

Other

- Financial
 - American Rescue Plan
 - \$1.2 M received, 1st payment
 - \$2M allowable as “Lost Revenue”
- Public Works (Teamsters) negotiations continuing
- Resident Troopers – Mike Stanger transferred to Major Crimes. Josh Muckle filling in.
- HVFD storm response
 - Tuesday Storm
 - 4 wires down/burning
 - Structure fire
 - MVA
 - Medical
 - Friday Storm
 - 1 pumping detail
 - 3 wires burning
 - 1 MVA
 - 1 fire alarm
 - 1 CO call

Moriarty: would like to discuss the recreational marijuana statute in the near future.

Anderson: Haddam River Days is rescheduled to September 18, 2021 with a rain date of September 19, 2021.

Board of Education Update: Jennifer Favalora presented the Board of Education update. Attached as Schedule 1.

Tax Refunds:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Real Estate (01)		
dacri, vincent	2019-01-892	\$639.00
Lioberty Bank	2019-01-2386	\$297.00
Ruimerman, Walter	2019-01-3136	\$115.58
Rolumco, Corp	2019-01-3089	\$77.66
Socha, Janusz	2019-01-3386	\$491.52
zanelli, richard	2019-01-3921	\$3,301.45
Home Loan Services	2019-01-2210	\$3,734.35
Neligon, colleen	2019-01-1343	\$956.35
Total:		\$8,656.56
Personal Property (02)		
Gronbach, Kenneth	2018-02-40185	\$111.94
Total:		\$111.94
Motor Vehicle (03)		
Goduti, Emil	2019-03-53602	\$360.00
Pember, John	2019-03-57224	\$21.30
J, M Correia	2019-03-52104	\$5.00
Burr, Kevin	2018-03-51347	\$5.67
Cacace, Anthony	2019-04-80160	\$17.16
Lentz, Scott	2018-0355305	\$12.36
Lago, Ariel	2019-03-55141	\$85.50
moore, raymond	2018-03-56372	\$14.55
Total		\$521.54
Grand Total:		\$9,290.04

Moriarty made a motion to approve the July tax refunds as presented. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Peddlers Permit: Moriarty made a motion to approve peddlers permit applications. There was a brief discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Haddam Land Trust: Anderson made a motion to approve the Haddam Land Trust, Inc. request of an abatement of property taxes on Swain Johnson Trail (parcel ID 25-007-1) and High Street (Parcel ID 14-117-1) No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Lundgren, Mark: Thanked the Board for putting a tarp up on the Scovil Hoe building. He also suggested renting an industrial humidifier to prevent further damage from moisture.

Bogdan, Ray: Commented on the septic system the town is looking into and suggested a sewage system instead because it can last longer than a septic system.

Adjournment: Anderson made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:19 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

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Summary of June 2021 Board of Education Meetings

Cougar Pride : The board held its annual recognition ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of Class of 2021's Top Ten Students, award the District's Staff Members and Teachers of the Year and thank the District's Retirees for their many years of service to the students in our District. Notable awards went to this year's Valedictorian, Maxwell Cozean and Salutatorian Julian Spector. Ronnie Ellinson was named District Staff Person of the Year and Wendy Scoppa was named Teacher of the Year. With gratitude we celebrated the retirements of Juliann Bacewicz, Kathleen Briotti, Jill MacDiarmid, Katharine O'Mara, and Linda Hansen.

Dr. Hageman highlighted the Burr Elementary Learning Fair which featured 72 projects submitted by students across all grade levels who shared their learnings and interests. From creating elephant toothpaste to inventing robots who can read minds, this event featured the ingenuity and creativity of our children and the openness of our staff to encourage our students to pursue learning that meets their interests.

Despite a very complicated school year for sports, HKHS won the most Shoreline Championships in school history, with Titles won by Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Volleyball, Boys Cross Country, Gymnastics, Boys Indoor Track, Girls Outdoor Track, Boys Lacrosse and Boys Outdoor Track. Twenty HK Seniors will continue to play sports at the college level and six of our HKHS outdoor track athletes competed and placed in the top 10 at the National Track and Field Tournament with Kedarjah Lewis and Eamon Sweeney earning All-American honors.

Superintendent Search: In June, JE Consulting gathered information through conversations and surveys from over 300 community stakeholders for a community profile of the Superintendent. This profile, which can be found on our website under Superintendent Search, was presented to the hiring committee, which includes all Board members along with five representatives from the District's Central Office, administrators, teachers, staff and parents. Applications for the position closed in July with 29 applicants from seven states applying to be the next Superintendent of RSD17.

Facilities Assessment: The Facilities Committee recommended, and the Board agreed, to hire Tecton Architects for \$61,200 to perform an assessment of all of the District's facilities. Tecton will collect data through site walkthroughs of each property to assess the physical condition of the space and report an assessment of each property based upon current condition, expected useful life, and conditions due to use. Finally they will generate a report based on short, medium and long-range maintenance and capital improvement priorities.

End-of-Year Fiscal Update: With continued uncertainties facing the district in the next school year due to Covid-19, the Finance Committee recommended, and the Board approved, to use \$200,000 from the '20-'21 fund balance to pre-pay a portion of the State Partnership Insurance Premiums approved in the '21-'22 budget. The Board agreed that the money remaining in the '21-'22 budget for Health Insurance would only be used for Covid-related expenditures, including pandemic related learning loss, and any unspent funds will be returned to the towns in the following year's audited fund balance.

ESS Update: The Board approved a fund transfer from Transportation and Tuition lines to the ESS line of the '21 - '22 budget to pay for a second clinician in the Effective Schools Solutions High School program to support the needs of the high school students next school year. One student will be returning from an out-of-district placement into the ESS program, therefore, the \$117,500 fee for the new clinician will be offset in the '21 - '22 budget by what would have been paid for out-of-district tuition and transportation for that returning student.

On our Website: The Board has reviewed and updated nearly 40 Policies in the 5000 series. This series, which relates to Students covers many topics from student dress code to fundraising to transportation. You can read the find the Board policies on our RSD17 website under District → Board of Education → Policies and Resources.