

## **Board of Selectmen's Meeting - February 10, 2020 (Approved Minutes)**

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm at 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:** Moriarty Made a motion to amend the agenda to include request for waiver under new business, EDC Appointments under old Business and a brief discussion to leasing HES.

### **Approval of minutes:**

Anderson made a motion to approve the January 13, 2020. No discussion. Approved unanimously. Anderson added, the date for the next EDC meeting was not properly stated at the last Selectmen's meeting. EDC is not on February 15th; the correct date is February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Moriarty made a motion to approve the February 5, 2020 minutes. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

Schwing: Made a comment regarding the Charter Revision Committee and the changes that are being discussed and suggested while it is open to discuss other changes.

### **Selectman's Update:**

HES: The Board of Directors of the private school who is interested in leasing the building came for a tour last week.

Community Septic: met with USDA re: funding in the forms of grants and loan money to towns of a rural community, which is less than 10,000 population

Tylerville Water: Continuing with the connections, 34 have been made. Approximately, 100 people left.

Budget: is in preparation, all have been approved by the Board of Selectmen. It now goes to the Board of Finance. Feel free to come and express your opinions at a meeting.

The Grand List will go up. The school budget is also in process. Haddam gained 7 students and Killingworth lost 76 students. 1-million-dollar increase - the school budget will stay flat

The EDC meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:30 – Main Street Center will be coming to that meeting. They will be making a 30-minute presentation. We encourage the public to come.

Board of Education Update: Attached as Schedule 1

### **Tax Refunds:**

#### **Real Estate (01)**

<b>TINTY BEATRICE- This is the credit card double payment. Requires discussion from BOS. Webster cannot guarantee her credit card will not dispute the charge and the town loose the refund. Suggestion is to have her contact her cc company directly and dispute the charge.</b>	<b>18-1-3593</b>	<b>\$9,986.47</b>
Mckenny Gail	18-1-2362	\$260.00
Urban Ronald	18-1-3657	\$250.00
CACACE ANTHONY	18-1-0539	\$405.90
GRANDAZZO ANTHONY	18-01-1488	\$54.00

**Total: \$10,956.37**

#### **Motor Vehicle (03)**

FARACI SCOTT	18-3-53023	\$22.85
NISSAN INFINITI LT	17-3-56752	\$158.83
KIRKPATRICK RONALD	18-3-54884	\$268.10
BERLONI WILLIAM	18-3-50761	\$112.44
MORRISSEY LINDA	18-3-56438	\$94.28

**Total \$656.50**

**Grand Total: \$11,612.87**

Anderson made a motion to not approve Tinty Beatirce tax refund and to contact her credit card company directly. No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

Moriarty made a motion to approve the 5 remaining real estate and 5 motor vehicle for February 10, 2020 Tax Refunds. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

## **Old Business:**

### **Charter Revision Changes:**

McGarry stated he received information from the Labor Attorney this afternoon and would like to review the information prior to discussing with the Board.

Moriarty made a motion to table the discussion of the Charter Revision. No further discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

### **New Business:**

**Request for a Waiver:** Chris Bell made a presentation requesting that he needs this waiver for the fire trucks to be able to get up and down, would need to put guard rails in, he has concerns about drainage.

McGarry stated the fire department and Ambulance do not have a problem. 25 ft radius.

Moriarty made a motion to grant the request for a waiver of using 25 ft radius. Motion approved unanimously.

**EDC Appointments:** 3 openings and received 5 applicants. Top three recommendations are Robin Munster, Mark Lundgren and John Pember.

McGarry made a motion to approve Munster & Lundgren to the EDC. Anderson & McGarry Approved. Moriarty Abstained. Motion Carried.

**CCAP Breakaway Benefit Road Race:** Moriarty made a motion to approve the CCAP Breakaway Benefit Race. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**HES:** Board went through the school for a tour. McGarry & Warner discussed with them the use of the school for community events.

Moriarty made a motion authorize McGarry to start the negotiations with the private school. No discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Public Comment:**

Lundgren: Thank you for the appointment to the EDC.

Schwing: commented that the EDC Coordinator should not be a position in the Town.

Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 7:23 pm

Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

**Summary of January 2020 Board of Education Meetings**

**Capital Improvements:**

**Recognition of HKHS Public Building Committee:** A grateful Board recognized the work of the HKHS Energy Project Public Building Committee for their years of service overseeing the multi-faceted project. Thank you to Eric Couture, Joanne Nesti, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Karen Perry, Sue Williams, Bill Leahy, Robert Braren, Chip Frey, Rob Albert and Tom Hogarty.

**Formation of a Standing Public Building Committee (PBC):** A Standing Public Building Committee has been formed with community members Graig Judge, Sean Donlan, and Jim Duffield, and Board members Eileen Blewett and Peter Sonski. First projects outlined are the HKHS Field House Project and the Oil Tank Removal and Replacement at both Burr and KES .

**HKHS Field House Project:** The PBC evaluated two Architect firms that responded to an RFP and recommended Hibbard and Rosa Architects, LLC of Middletown to provide design and construction administration for the potential Field House Project. The Board approved the recommendation and a timeline has been projected for the potential project. In February, the Board will consider project options and determine if to proceed and the scope of the project. If approved, work will begin in late April. More information will follow when it becomes available.

**Joint Meeting: BOS/BOF/BOE**

The Board hosted a pre-budget conversation to discuss the state of the schools and towns. It was shared that District enrollment continues to decline greater in Killingworth than Haddam. Thus Haddam's portion of next year's budget allocation will increase from 58.95% to 61.40% and Killingworth's decreases from 41.05% to 38.60%. The Board shared general information regarding the State Partnership Plan's impact to the District and employees, continued increases in Special Education costs, and the desire to continue to keep buildings maintained. Towns expressed a desire for the Board to constrain costs and the challenges with supporting an increasing District budget.

**Other Business:**

**Introduction of New Administrators:** The Board welcomed Ann Adrianni as the new Director of Fiscal Operations for RSD17, Jennifer Beermuender as the new Curriculum Coordinator for Literacy/Humanities, and Heather Rigatti as the new Curriculum Coordinator for Math, Science and Technology. The Curriculum Coordinator positions replace the Assistant Superintendent position (and their former positions will not be replaced), making the hires cost neutral to the District.

**2019-20 Calendar Revision:** An update was made to this year's school calendar making June 10th the last day of school. In the event that there are further snow days, updates to the last day of school can be found on our website under "School Calendar".

**Search Institute Survey:** HK Youth and Family Services requested, and was granted, Board approval to administer it's bi-annual survey of 7th-12th graders to gather valuable data on our youth, which is shared with the schools and community. The survey will be conducted this Spring.

**Curriculum Update:** Two new courses to next year's High School Curriculum were approved:

Beginning Spanish Conversation - fulfills a new State World Language requirement, and

The Modern Novel - a reading-intensive course studying literature from the last ten years.

**On our RSD17.org Website:** Sub-Committee meeting dates for 2020 have been scheduled and are posted under "Board of Education", the new three year HK Administrators' Association contract signed this month can be found under "Business Office" and BoE meeting videos are under "HKTV".