

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – May 8, 2023 (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: Moriarty made a motion to approve the agenda. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: April 10, 2023: Anderson made a motion to approve the April 10, 2023 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

May 1, 2023: Moriarty made a motion to approve the May 1, 2023 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Hamish MacPhail: Commented that the groundbreaking at Scovil Hoe was nice.

Selectman's Update: Attached as Schedule I.

Anderson: June 3rd start date for the Farmer's Market.

She advised the board that they will receive a request from me at our next meeting to purchase holiday decorations for Tylerville now that the sidewalks are completed.

Board of Education Update: (Attached as Schedule II)

Tax Refunds: Anderson made a motion to accept the tax refunds in the amount of \$2,723.89. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. (Attached as Schedule III)

New Business:

2022 Homeland Security Grant: Moriarty made a motion to approve the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Resolution. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Fuel Storage Advisory Committee: Anderson made a motion to appoint Sue Bement to the Fuel Storage Advisory Committee. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: N/A

Next Meeting date/place: The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 12, 2023** and will be held at the Haddam Neck Fire Department 06438 at 6:30pm.

Adjournment: Anderson made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2023-05-08

Projects

- Rossi Property
 - Developer Rumor – Greg McKenna decided real estate development wasn't his strength. He has brought a developer in to seek to develop the site. That's the developer Bill Warner & I have been meeting to discuss the site. A Town Meeting will be required to approve the selection of a developer, the plans and conditions.
- Scovil Hoe – The ground breaking was a very good event. Two descendants of the Scovil family, Glenn Scovil and his son Ben attended.
- HES – Community Challenge Grant application submitted.
- Swing Bridge
 - The swing bridge suffered a major failure when closing on 4/13. DOT & ABS are working on repairs. Test openings for boat traffic went well Sunday. This remains a continuing issue.
- Bridge Road/Haddam Center Sidewalks – Crosswalk installed at the library and senior center.
- Tylerville Water – There are still 3 wells to abandon, 2 private, 1 business and 1 residence to connect. I met with CT Water and our town attorney to lay out a plan to finish the project.
- Private Projects
 - Blueway Commons
 - Ribbon Cutting May 9th, 11 - 1

Personnel

- No report

Other

- Nason Road – The reconfiguration of Nason Road added a minimal amount of property to the Minow (approx. .1 acres) and Chadwick (approx. .3 acres) residences. Jacobson Associates, our engineering firm, is work with the town attorney to prepare Quit Claim deeds for the properties.
- I attended the annual CCM Emergency Management Symposium on 4/25.

Summary of April 2023 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

Cougar Pride

- **Burr Elementary School Select Chorus**

Students from the BES Select Chorus beautifully represented their school with songs for the Board and members of the community. All the students sang and three accompanied on their recorders for one song.

- **HKIS Student Council Shed Project**

HKIS Principal Eric Larson introduced four representatives from the HKIS student council who provided the Board with their proposal for a new shed to store recess equipment at HKIS. The students conducted surveys, presented their findings, and read an essay explaining current issues and how a shed would solve the problem. The students requested assistance from the Board for a portion of the cost and are planning fundraising efforts to raise the rest. Board Chair Suzanne Sack delegated to Superintendent Wihbey to work with the students moving forward and to advise the Board on any further assistance needed.

Report from Student Representatives

Student representative Madison Moriarty reported on the Annual College Fair held April 5th allowing students to meet representatives from various schools. The High School is hosting the 8th grade class on April 18th, the National Honor Society Induction ceremony will be on April 19th and the World Language Honor Society induction ceremony will be held on April 20th. Madison reported that the Art Show is scheduled for April 21st, the Junior Prom will be April 28th and finally the Spring Musical "The Sound of Music" will run May 5th-6th.

Superintendent's Report

Interviews are well underway for the HKMS Principal position. The Superintendent informed the Board that he will be meeting with the final two candidates in early April, and the final candidate will meet with the full Board at the May meeting.

Last Day of School/HKHS Graduation Date

The district experienced two weather closures, moving the last day of school to Thursday, June 15, 2023. The Superintendent recommended that the last day of school also be the HKHS Graduation date, which the Board approved.

Facilities-Finance Subcommittee

The committee met with representatives from Tecton as well as representatives from both towns to discuss the Master Plan. They are currently working on three presentation opportunities for the community regarding the plan, to be scheduled in May, June, and after the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

Student Transportation of America (STA) Contract

The Board approved a 3 year contract renewal, which includes an incentive for the District to find local qualified drivers who will work at least 6 months or individuals willing to be trained by STA to potentially reduce some of the costs.

Updated Building Use Form

The Board approved revised changes to the updated building use form after discussions regarding the continued unpaid use of the facilities by non-profit organizations such as Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Eastern CT Health and Medical Cooperative Insurance Plan

The Board approved the proposal for the District to join a health care cooperative that provides administrative services; however, all coverage, networks, and cost shares will remain the same.

ON OUR WEBSITE:

The 2023-24 budget information is available on the www.RSD17.org website under the BOE menu option [BOE Budget and Updates](#) and the RSD 17 Master Plan Information is also available on the website under the District Facilities menu option [RSD 17 Facilities Study and Master Planning Website](#).

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<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Prior/Current</u>
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Real Estate (01)

prinz, cassandra	2021-01-2916	\$35.35	current
susan bement	2020-01-267	\$500.00	prior
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correction from assessor for two years.

Total: **\$1,035.35**

Personal Property (02)

ELUSIVE CRYPTO	2021-02-40893	\$126.25	CURRENT

was not a business

Total: **\$126.25**

Motor Vehicle (03)			
daimler trust	2021-03-52178	\$946.88	current
toyota lease	2021-03-59152	\$615.41	current

Total **\$1,562.29**

Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)

Total: **\$0.00**

Grand Total: **\$2,723.89**