

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – June 12, 2023 (Unapproved minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Haddam Neck Firehouse at 50 Rock Landing Road, Haddam Neck CT 06424.

Kate Anderson and Sean Moriarty were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: May 8, 2023: Moriarty made a motion to approve the May 8, 2023 minutes. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Armstrong, Rebecca: commented on the 63-hour swing bridge closure and how it is negatively effecting the children who take the bus to school. She demands a better result for students and would like a plan B if something were to happen to the Arrigoni Bridge. She also suggested using the Haddam Neck Fair Grounds for the bus to pick-up and drop-off.

Jenkin, Lori: Agrees with Armstrong on using the Haddam Neck Fair Grounds for the bus stop. She commented that the church they are using for the rest of the school year is in East Hampton – a different school district.

Nabalo, Dustin: Agrees with Armstrong. He expressed the bus should run as they did before the construction started.

Nabalo, Maggie: commented that getting to the community bus stop is not always an option for parents. It should run as it did prior to the 63-hour closure by picking the kids up at their original bus stops.

Selectman's Update: Attached as Schedule I.

Anderson: The Higganum Farmers Market started on June 3rd at HES. It will take place every Saturday morning starting at 9am.

Board of Education Update: (Attached as Schedule II)

Tax Refunds: Moriarty made a motion to accept the tax refunds in the amount of \$1,521.21. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. (Attached as Schedule III)

Resignations: Kate Anderson resigned from the POCD. Moriarty thanked Kate for all her efforts with everything she does in town. It is greatly appreciated.

New Business:

Schedule a Town Meeting: Moriarty made a motion to schedule a Town Meeting for June 29th at 6:30 pm to transfer town property to Minow and Chadwick and to appoint the HK Recreation Authority. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Ferry passes: There was a brief discussion regarding the distribution Ferry Passes the First Selectman received from the DOT last week to assist businesses being negatively affected by the Swing Bridge 63-hour closure. The Town received 200 tickets.

Discuss Little Fawn Trail Block Party: Anderson made a motion to approve Little Fawn Trail cul-de-sac closure for a block party on August 12, 2023. No discussion. Moriarty abstained. Motion carried.

Appoint Curtis Browne to the Economic Development Committee: Moriarty made a motion to appoint Curtis Browne to the Economic Development Committee. There was a brief discussion. Anderson abstained. Motion carried.

Old Business: N/A

Next Meeting date/place: The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 10, 2023** and will be held at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438.

Adjournment: Anderson made a motion to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm. Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

BOS Meeting Selectman's Update 2023-06-12

Projects

- Rossi Property
 - In discussions with potential developer
- Scovil Hoe – Expect to release bid for remediation contractor within a month
- HES – Held meeting on future of HES prompted by cost of reroofing the entire building (\$1,021,000). Over 200 people attended, very good discussion. What I took as consensus was to reroof the old section for senior center and municipal use but we're still reviewing the meeting notes and written comments.
- Swing Bridge
 - The first 63-hour closure started last night. Bridge is closed to all traffic at 8:00 p.m. Sunday and must re-open by 11:00 a.m. Wednesday. This is scheduled to happen every week until Weds, Nov 8th. 4th of July and Labor Day weeks excluded. The project is substantially on schedule.
- Bridge Road/Haddam Center Sidewalks – Nothing to report
- Tylerville Water – Owners have agreed to abandon the 2 private wells. One already has; CT Water will contact the other to arrange. The easement is ready for access across 98 Little Meadow to connect 109.
- Private Projects
 - Blueway Commons
 - Most units rented.
- Road work
 - Chip Sealing – Nedobity Rd, Hapenny Rd, Harvest Woods, Thorne Wood, and Camp Bethel.
 - Paving – Maple Ave West and St Peters Lane are done

Personnel

- Resident Trooper interview scheduled for June 20th.

Other

- There was an incident at Teri's Package Store. Someone tried to steal from a delivery truck. CSP responded. 2 troopers suffered minor injuries in the ensuing scuffle. The individual was apprehended.
- Fire on Rt 154 – 1 of the historic Shailerville houses was totally destroyed. The house was vacant, undergoing renovations. There were no injuries.
- Road Safety Audit, Rt 154 – Will begin this week. I've asked DOT to look at Saybrook Rd from the Middletown line to Walkley Hill. My concerns include:
 - Intersection with Thayer Road extension – Sight line looking north
 - Candlewood Hill/Rt 81 intersections – Lane markings. 1 or 2 lanes?
 - Speed through Higganum Center
 - Curve/Intersection warning sign at 381
- Senior Picnic scheduled for Jun 19th at St James Community Hall, 11:00 – 2:00.
- This will be a tough year for our Tylerville businesses. Please patronize them.

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Summary of May 2023 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

Report from Student Representatives

Madison Moriarty spoke on events taking place at HKHS during May and June, including the Spring Musical, Senior Prom, the Band/Chorus Concert, Awards Night, the Senior Outing, Street Fest, Scholarship Night, and finals. She also noted that graduation is scheduled for Thursday, June 15th. Superintendent Wihbey and the Board thanked Student Representatives Madison Moriarty and Callen Powers for their hard work and service to the Board throughout the year.

Superintendent's Report

Textile donation bins have been delivered to HKHS and HKMS. The HKHS bin is located in the White House lot and the HKMS bin is located in the lower lot near Route 81 and the soccer field.

Edweek reporter, Elizabeth Heubeck interviewed a group of seniors about their Senior Portfolio experience. This is the same program that was recently featured on News Channel 8: What's Right With Schools. The article was published on April 23rd.

This year's varsity captain and senior member of the HK Math League, Alex Engler, was the 2nd highest scorer in the Greater Middlesex County Math League.

Healthy Foods Certification

Director of Food Services, Sharon Shettleworth presented her request for RSD17's annual participation in the Healthy Foods Certification and exemptions for the sale of food and beverages at special events, both of which the Board unanimously approved.

Strategic Operating Plan

Prem Aithal provided the Board with an update on the Strategic Operating Plan process and the goal of completion for the June meeting. There will also be a dashboard coming to the RSD17 website showing the critical measures of success that will be available to the community.

Facilities-Finance Subcommittee

Peter Sonski reported on the process of the Master Plan. Several meetings with Tecton have been scheduled, providing the community opportunities to learn and ask questions about the RSD17 Master Plan process. Information from these meetings and the results of the community survey (open until June 19th) will be incorporated into the analysis. The next meeting will be virtual and is scheduled for June 28th at 6:00pm, followed by another in September and a final recommendation to the two towns in November.

The Board unanimously approved the completion of the following summer repair projects with a total cost of \$155K.

- Elevator in the High School
- Sewer pipe under the floor in the community room at KES
- Roof repairs on the portable classrooms at BES

ON OUR WEBSITE:

The RSD 17 Master Plan Information and the Community Survey are 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)

Total: **\$0.00**

Personal Property (02)

comcast	2020-02-40913	\$143.44	prior
ANRG	2021-02-40751	\$32.25	current

bills with collection. Forgot and collected in house by mistake.

Total: **\$175.69**

Motor Vehicle (03)			
barile, michael	2021-04-80067	\$11.61	current
nissan	2021-03-56617	\$279.01	current
nissan	2021-03-56605	\$322.49	current
pearson, david	2021-04-81124	\$386.96	current

Total **\$1,000.07**

Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)

downey, michael	2021-04-80385	\$345.45	current

Total: **\$345.45**

Grand Total: **\$1,521.21**