

Selectmen's Meeting – January 6, 2016

Milardo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the TH. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Acceptance of Minutes – Special Meeting December 15, 2015 and Regular Meeting**

**December 16, 2015:** Donlan moved to approve both sets of minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Sharon Botelle asked if there was an update on the Tylerville water issue.

Milardo stated there is nothing new at this time.

Don Giboski stated there is a sign in the stump of a tree at the jail property. When will it be put back? Milardo will check into this. Giboski also stated that the town road crew is using town trucks to stop and get coffee during the day. Milardo stated she would check into this and get an opinion from the town attorney.

A resident told the First Selectman that when she takes vacations, she should put it on line, so residents will know when she is not in town. Milardo thanked him for his comment.

**Correspondence – IRS Standard Rate for Business Mileage for 2016:** Milardo announced the new mileage rate per the IRS will be \$.54 per mile.

Milardo received a letter from Richard Annino regarding the rental of the Station #1 firehouse lighting. Mr. Annino rented the building and there were numerous lights out in the driveway and near the entrance to the firehouse. This is a dangerous situation and the lights should be replaced. He stated there are many low level lights that are out as well. At the bottom of the driveway, the light that illuminates the address and sign is also not working. Milardo will have the lights fixed as soon as possible.

**Resignations – Wetland's Commission:** Milardo received a letter of resignation from Robin Maule, effective immediately. Maule stated in her letter that it was a pleasure to serve the town, with a very dedicated membership. Donlan moved to accept the resignation with regret. Approved unanimously.

**Deputy Registrar of Voters:** The Town Clerk received a letter of resignation from Linda Gronbach from the position, effective December 22, 2015. Donlan moved to accept the resignation with regret. Approved unanimously.

**Appointments – Deputy Registrar of Voters:** Diana Cottrell has filled the vacancy of Linda Gronbach, effective December 23, 2015. Donlan moved to approve the appointment. Approved unanimously.

**Board of Finance:** The BOS received a letter from Sean Donlan, Chairman of the Haddam Democratic Town Committee, to appoint Chris Alexy to fill the vacancy of John Bosco, effective immediately. Approved unanimously.

**Tax Refunds:** Duval moved to approve the following tax refunds:

Financial Ser. Veh. Trust - \$453.31 for a 2013 BMW – vehicle sold.

David R. Morse - \$12.13 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Theresa M. or Robert J. Beeman - \$16.04 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Leonard J. Dorlando or Magaly Panaccia - \$13.78 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

All of the above were approved unanimously.

**Acceptance of RPI Grant:** 2015 River COG RPI Program Grant Request Synopsis.

"The River COG is applying for a Regional Performance Incentive program grant for updates to the regional and town parcel layers and the creation of a regional wetland layer. The parcel aspect of the project would be for four years of parcel updates for our regional and town layers. These updates would allow the region to maintain a current parcel layer for planning purposes such as land use, economic and open space studies. It would also allow the region to get ahead of the town funding cycle to then study the possibility of doing regional and town updates together and to potentially harness the economies of scale involved. The wetland layer would give the region more reliable wetland mapping than what is currently available from DEEP. This layer would also assist towns in more effectively identifying wetlands on potential development sites". The Town of Essex will administer this grant. Duval moved to authorize the Town clerk to sign the resolution and return to the Town of Essex. Approved unanimously.

**Reports for the Month of December 2015 – Resident Troopers:** There were no major incidents in the town for the month of December. There was an interrupted residential burglary in town, but the trooper was able to track down the suspect and he was placed in custody. There were no fatalities in December.

**Animal Control Officer:** The ACO continues to do her job diligently. She had to write out two warnings on nuisance complaints.

**Municipal Agent for the Elderly:** There were holiday events at the senior center and at St. Peter's Church for the Club 60 Christmas party. The Committee on Aging met and discussed a wide range of senior related topics. Candy Casale had a long discussion regarding medicare coverage and rehabilitation stays. The Haddam Chorus is forming and will be meeting at the Senior Center. This group is open to all. Contact the center if interested. Lundgren has been putting out the word regarding the Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Ordinance to seniors in the hope that more seniors will take advantage of it this year. Lundgren thanked the past two Boards of Selectmen for giving him the opportunity to serve as the town's Municipal Agent for the Elderly and is asking to be appointed for another two years.

**Old Business – Update – Community Center:** Milardo stated there were a plumbing issue and a leak from the roof. Both of these issues have been taken care of.

**Update – Handicapped Signs at the Town Hall Annex:** Milardo stated the signs have been put back up.

**Public Comments:** Melissa Schlag asked the BOS to clarify what the agenda item Executive Session – Personnel Matter was about. Milardo stated that item has been taken care of.

Tony Giamei asked when the outside lights would be fixed at the firehouse. Milardo stated she is in the process of a grant for LED lights to be installed.

Neal Perron thanked his brother firefighters for helping out at the Calamari fire in Essex.

Tony Giamei asked about the Haddam.org website. Milardo stated she is working on getting it updated.

**Executive Session – Personnel Matter:** Donlan moved to amend this this agenda item to cancel this issue. Approved unanimously.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli

