

## Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting – July 16, 2018 (Approved Minutes)

Lizz Milardo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam CT 06438

Larry Maggi and Melissa Schlag were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

**Petrillo, Jennifer, Wood Cart Road** Commented that Haddam Elementary School means a lot to her and her family. The School closing is a big loss for all and asked that the education piece be discussed further and discuss how its closing will impact the town.

**Block, Gina, Saybrook Road** – Commented that no one was consulted regarding the closing of Haddam Elementary. We need more discussion regarding the restructuring of HES. She asked that the Board of Selectmen discuss this issue and bring it to a referendum. **Milardo** asked what Block meant by referendum and it was clarified. Block stated there needed to be more discussion on which school was going to be closed.

**Parmlee, Charlie, Woods Road:** Not fair to the tax payers that the Board of Education gets to vote and decide. There should be a Town Meeting to discuss.

**Schlag, Melissa:** Commented that she would love to see the Board of Selectmen call a Public Hearing to allow residents to come out and speak about this issue. The Board of Education had their forums and the Selectmen should hold a Public Hearing.

**Approval of Minutes** – Maggi made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2018. There was a brief discussion regarding the Executive Session portion of the minutes. Schlag made a motion that we amend the minutes with the vote that we would hold an Auction on September 15, 2018, the price was set for \$50,000.00. Milardo and Maggi voted yay and Schlag voted Nay. Approved unanimously.

Schlag made a motion to approve the June 18, 2018 minutes. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Tax Refunds:

Personal Property (02)

Chandler, Cheryl	\$65.92
Twin Family LLC	\$1,015.02
Twin Family LLC	\$570.02
Twin Family LLC	\$234.30
Total:	\$1,885.26

Motor Vehicle (03)

V W Credit Leasing LTD	\$225.39
Mullaney, David	\$6.03
Landell, Steven	\$18.03
Total	\$249.45

Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)

Mroczka, Matthew	\$106.11
Total:	\$106.11

**Grand Total:** **\$2,240.82**

Maggi made a motion to approve the July 16, 2018 tax refunds. No discussion. Approved Unanimously.

**Elderly Tax Relief Appeals:**

Maggi made a motion to approve the Elderly Tax Relief Appeals. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Appointments:**

Maggi made a motion to appoint Chip Frey to Planning and Zoning. There was a brief discussion. Milardo and Maggi Yay, Schlag Nay.

Maggi made a motion to appoint Mike Farina to the Gateway Commission. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Milardo made a motion to send HK Park & Rec Authority to a Town Meeting. Approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Senior Center Contractor Change:** Maggi made a motion to approve D/E/F Services Groups Bid for \$40,400. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Nason Road Contractor Approval:** There was a brief discussion regarding the dangerous intersection at Nason Road that needs to be fixed. Maggi made a motion to approve Hemlock Construction Company, Inc. a brief discussion continued on the process of Hemlock used when submitting their bid as well as the time line of the project. Approved unanimously.

**Teamsters Union Contract:** Maggi made a motion to accept the Teamsters Union Contract. There was a brief discussion, Schlag suggested we add under funeral leave, to include “partner or significant other” as an immediate family member. Milardo stated that partners and significant others are included as immediate family members. Motion approved unanimously.

**9 Town Transit MOU.** Maggi made a motion to allow Milardo to sign the MOU for 9 Town Transit. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Board of Education formal request to purchase Haddam Elementary:** There was a discussion regarding the purchase of Haddam Elementary. The town should have a voice as to what happens with the building. We need to look at costs.

*Dear Lizz,*

*As the RSD 17 Board of Education continues its work on the future of the Haddam Elementary School building and property, I want, first of all, to assure you of our continued consultation on this subject with you and other Town of Haddam officials.*

*Though we have talked often about the school’s closure and its potential sale by the school district, this letter is a more formal request to you to let the Board know of any interest the Town would have in owning and controlling the HES building and real estate parcel. I also would welcome any related insights or considerations as to potential uses if the Town decides not to take ownership. If possible, I would appreciate a response by August 15th.*

*Thank you for your willingness to work with us to find the best possible future for this important property.*

*Sincerely,*

*Joanne Nesti*

*RSD 17 Board Chair*

There is a lot of opportunity for that building. We owe it to the people to research the building. There are a lot of issues with that building. They believe the residents should have a voice.

**Correspondence:**

**District Restructuring:**

Maggi made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli