

Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting – February 26, 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.

Approval of Agenda: Not necessary to approve the agenda as it is a special meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Milardo made a motion to approve the January 9, 2018 budget minutes.

Corrections: List who made the motion. The Elections should be \$52,550.00. Schlag made a motion to make the Registrar of Voters wage should be \$22.50 an hour. Maggi and Milardo voted no. The Town Clerk: change Schlag's vote to yes. Social Services changed to \$25,000.00. "Maggi made a motion, Milardo seconded to forward to LRCP Land Use for Master Planning, there was no motion. Maggi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved unanimously with the above referenced corrections.

Schlag made a motion to approve the January 16, 2018 minutes. There was a brief discussion regarding the State Police line and the amount voted on at the meeting. Approved unanimously as written.

February 5, 2018 corrections: CRAHD was missing for \$90,000.00. Culture and recreation was not unanimous. Schlag voted no on the total. Village Park, Haddam River, Veterans or Parades were voted separately – not on the total. Schlag voted no as indicated but voted yes for the Library. The Motion to Adjourn was made by Mrs. Milardo. Schlag made the Motion for Haddam Ambulance for \$93,346.00 and the Contingency for \$100,000.00. February 5, 2018 minutes approved unanimously with above referenced corrections.

Schlag made a motion to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes. Changed "amended" the agenda to "approve". Under public comments - Schwing change "late" to "lake" Schlag added there are two (2) properties that have access to the lake. On page 3 re: Infrastructure Committee changed "She's" to "Schlag". Public Comment – "Miles" to "Myles" Schwing's public comment on sewers details. Peterson's comment – changed "Grand list" to "businesses" Baylay's comment added that "they weren't paying before" Munster's comment changed "RJ JULIA to JULIA". Approved unanimously with above referenced corrections.

Public Comments: Tony Giamei – Silver Springs Drive: Read a letter to the Board of Selectmen: *Congratulations to Haddam. Although I live in the North end of Higganum and have never experienced contamination in my two century old well, I wish to congratulate Haddam on securing over seven million dollars from the State Legislative Bonding Commission in grant funding for the purpose of bringing clean water from Chester to those in Tylerville section of town who have been suffering for many years from contaminated water. I believe the credit should go to several State and local officials and State Departments but especially to First Selectman Lizz Milardo. I am unable to attend the BOS meeting on February 26th and have asked Mr. Giamei to read this for me) Thank you, Stewart Gillmor*

Margaret Chase Wells: So they can actually drink the water? Milardo: When they get clean water, yes.

Ed Munster: commented on whether or not the comments need to be detailed but rather just provide the gist of the comment.

Margaret Chase Wells: Commented that she agrees with Mr. Munster's comment regarding the details being put in the minutes. She expressed her concern that putting details in comments can lead other residents to believe their comment to be fact when it is their opinion. Secondly, she expressed her appreciation for the Board of Selectmen representing the Town and asked Ms. Schlag is she is making some kind of silent protest by refusing to put your hand over your heart during the Pledge of Allegiance? Is it a special protest or just non-American? Schlag had no comment.

Ed Schwing: Commented that 30 years ago that First selectman Walter Czaja, Harry Clew and Marge DeBold there was a discussion about the minutes and it being history for future generations to look at and it is very important that we know the opinions of those people at the time.

Schlag: Made a comment that Bunny Batzner does a great job taking minutes. Schlag also suggested that we not pick and choose what is put in the comments. She also stated that what the selectmen say should be documented.

Milardo: commented that there is no picking and choosing what is going into the minutes.

Ed Munster: commented that the minutes should capture the gist of the comment from the public.

Tax Refunds:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Real Estate (01)		
Beaudry	Daniel/Polly	\$3,029.25
Pytlik	Chris/Albertine	\$788.13
Personal Property (02)		
Johnson	Robert	\$35.19
Motor Vehicle (03)		
CCAP Auto Lease		\$138.08

Grand Total: **\$3,955.46**

Maggi made a Motion to accept the February 26, 2018 Tax Refunds. No discussion. Approved Unanimously.

New Business:

Union Contract: The union voted on the contract and approved it. Milardo made a motion to approve the Town Hall Union Contract. It's an agreement between the Town Hall employees SEIU / CSEA AFL Local 2001. Contract is effective July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020. Maggi Seconded. Schlag would like to table it until the next meeting. Schlag stated she is not in agreement with the changes that were made. There was a discussion regarding the changes Schlag would like to see. Milardo stated she would like to move forward with the Contract. This contract has been worked on for several months. It was voted on by the union employees and worked with the town labor attorney we have come to an agreement on this contract. I am not looking to make any changes. Discussion continued. Maggi made a Motion to accept the union contract Milardo seconded. Schlag abstained.

Award Senior Center Bid: Bid results were opened on Tuesday, February 20, 2018. There were eight (8) bidders. The low bidder is DEF Services. Their references were checked. They followed all the specs from the architect. They are ready to start the work within 14 days of notice. We will coordinate that because both of the restrooms will be shut down at the Senior Center due to demolition. We are looking to move the Senior Center for a few weeks. Maggi made a motion to accept the bid from DEF Services in the amount of \$27,800.00. There was a brief discussion. Milardo seconded. Schlag abstained.

Maggi made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli