

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – January 13, 2019 (Unapproved Minutes)

Robert McGarry called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. at 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 amend the agenda to appoint Joann Woickelman to the Board of Assessment Appeals, add the Board of Education presentation and a brief discussion on Silver Springs. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Anderson made a motion to approve the December 5th Special Selectmen Meeting minutes. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Moriarty made a motion to approve the December 9th Selectmen Meeting minutes. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Moriarty, Sean: Thank you to all residents and town employees who showed me support with the passing of his sister.

Haase, Dick: Thank you for not kneeling.

Haase, Sally: commented it is very dark at the entrance of the Town Office Building and suggested lights at the foot of the driveway.

DeBold, Marge: Commented that the yellow lines on the road be more yellow.

Haase, Dick: Asked if the lines painted every year?

Selectman's Update: Higganum Center: December 11th the project report was released. The EDC met with the Merchants' Association. Main Street program is scheduled for a presentation at the February 15th EDC Meeting. ****Town Meeting is required to acquire, sell or lease town property****

Andy Becker and Rossi met with McGarry and Warner to meet and to discuss Higganum Center.

Haddam Elementary School – the “Commercial” kitchen in HES is labeled “Commercial” for health code reasons, it is determined that it is not suitable for “Commercial” use. It is not big enough and does not have the proper equipment to be considered Commercial by people looking for an actual commercial kitchen.

Warner and McGarry met with a school looking to rent the entire school. They are very interested. McGarry expressed to the school that the community would like to be able to use the gym or multi use room.

HES community septic: we are continuing to work on a Community Septic System on HES property.

Scovil Hoe: there is a grant for environmental assessment. There are conversations with the CT DOT on the town eventually acquiring ownership of it.

Dublin Hill Bridge: December 31, 2019 The Dublin Hill Bridge was opened for traffic. The work will finish in April once the pavement plants re-open as well as the sidewalks, all signage will be completed at that time.

Candlewood Hill: Phase 1 design work has started. The goal is to make it a safer throughway.

Tylerville Water: they are working on hooking up the water. The road work portion is complete. It will be paved in the Spring.

Scovil Dam: Repairs have been completed. The state has approved safety of the dam. It needs to be inspected every 2 years.

Economic Development Commission: There are 3 vacancies and 5 people have applied for the vacancies.

Budget Season has begun. The Town has submitted their budgets, it now goes to the Board of Selectmen and then to the Board of Finance and finally to a Public Hearing/Town Meeting for the Town Residents to vote on.

Tax Refunds:

Last Name	Amount
Real Estate (01)	
Adams,Sylvia	\$1,244.31
CT SUMMIT PROPERTIES	\$9.00
samson aaron estate	\$8,667.22
Total:	\$9,920.53
Personal Property (02)	
CASSELLA, JEAN	\$9.82
Total:	\$9.82
Motor Vehicle (03)	
DUFFY, MARTIN	\$5.27
VAULT TRUST	\$530.33
PEARSON, DAVID	\$155.28
TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	\$54.83
VAULT TRUST	\$63.35
Total	\$809.06
Motor Vehicle Supplement (04)	
PATTON MICHAEL	\$48.58
Total:	\$48.58
Grand Total:	\$10,787.99

Moriarty made a motion to approve the January 13, 2020 Tax Refunds. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Amend 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule: Moriarty made a motion to approve the Amended Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Board of Education Liaison: Attached as Schedule 1

New Business:

Sale of 2006 Stearling six-wheel dump truck: Anderson made a motion to approve the sale of 2006 Stearling six-wheel dump truck. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Butterfly 5K Walk/Run: Moriarty made a motion to approve of Butterfly 5K Walk/Run. No Discussion. Approved Unanimously.

Resolution of endorsement and authorization of Regional Performance Incentive

Program: Moriarty made a motion to approve the resolution of endorsement and authorization of Regional Performance Incentive Program. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Appointments:

Sustainability Committee: Anderson made a motion to appoint Melissa Oddo & Linda Talbott to the Sustainability Committee. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Town Safety Committee: Moriarty made a motion to appoint Renee Karas-Johnson to the Town Safety Committee to represent Haddam Ambulance. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Street Naming Committee: Anderson made a motion to appoint Rick Johnson to the Street Naming Committee to represent Haddam Ambulance. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Board of Assessment Appeals: Moriarty made a motion to appoint Joann Woickelman to the Board of Assessment Appeals. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Silver Springs: Moriarty expressed that we should keep the Dam as a Town resource. If the Homeowners association takes ownership if it, he would like to discuss the association paying the fees the town paid to repair it.

Public Comment:

Perron, Neal: Haddam Neck: Can the Town look into purchasing HNVFD for a rescue boat?

Haase, Sally: asked if there was an update on the towers. McGarry stated we are waiting on a carrier.

Bazazi, Liz: commented that the Higganum Vision Group did a study linking the res, Swan Hill and the Cove in a loop.

Lundgren, Mark: can the town latch onto the grant money for the radio upgrade? RiverCog (Sam Gold) commented that the application deadline was December 31st and the towns are matching the grant money of about \$700,000.

Luisi, Dan: does this upgrade the 911 system as well. McGarry: no, just the radio.

Gold, Sam (RiverCog): there will be no increase in dues next year.

McGarry made a motion to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 7:13 pm

Minutes taken by JoAnn Ricciardelli

Schedule 1

Board of Education – RSD17

January 13, 2020 Selectmen’s Meeting

The Board of Education elected the following Officers for a two-year term: Suzanne Sack - Chairperson, Peter Sonski - Vice Chair, Eileen Blewett - Treasurer, and Jen Favalora - Secretary.

Capital Improvements:

- Remediate and replace the HKHS Field House floor. The 40-year-old original floor subsurface is deteriorating and the current conditions impede hosting competitions. The floor was resurfaced once, allowing the project to be put off for many years. The six- month project will include remediation due to mercury contained in the subflooring, and if approved, will begin April 2020 and conclude August 2020. The Board approved hiring an architect for project specifications, assembled a public building committee, and applied to the state for partial reimbursement of the project. Project costs will be finalized after the architect’s report and are planned to be funded through the Capital fund.
- Replace Burr and KES Underground Fuel Storage Tanks, Summer, 2020. The state requires tank replacement every 30 years and reimburses a portion of the cost.
- Pre-K program is being evaluated for space needs. This state-mandated program is currently at Burr Elementary. Possible September, 2020 locations are: 1) continue at Burr, or 2) move to either KES or Central Office.
- Director of Operations, John Mercier, presented the final summary of the HKHS Energy Project, which encompassed a roof replacement, addition of solar voltaic, replacement of the heating plant, updates to lighting, and renovation of the auditorium. To provide final funding for the project, the district bonded for 10 years for \$7.27 million dollars.

Other Business:

- Board Committee Chairs were appointed. Jen Favalora – Communications, Kathy Zandi- Curriculum, Peter Sonski- Facilities, Eileen Blewett – Finance, Suzanne Sack- Personnel and Evaluation, and Joanne Nesti- Policy.
- The Board extended its transportation contract with STA. The three year versus five-year agreement allows for possible coordination with Guilford and Clinton at the conclusion of it - depending on interest among the districts. Transportation contracts include a “daily rate” per bus for various bus types in a fleet. Our new agreement eliminated the 19/20 2.5% daily rate increase in our current contract and provides for a daily rate increase of 1.5% for 2020/21, 1.5% for 2021/22, and a 2.5% increase for 2022/23. Research by the Board found that few regions received multiple bidders from issuing RFP’s, and terms of competitive bids from RFP’s were higher than the offer from STA.

As a reminder: All videos of Board of Education meetings are online on www.rsd17.org under “Community” -> “HKTV” -> “Click Here to Visit Channel 18 Live” -> “RSD #17 BOE”