

Board of Selectmen's Meeting – July 6, 2016

Lizz Milardo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at Haddam Neck Firehouse. Robert Duval & Sean Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Additions to the agenda:** Haddam Senior Center Report, Grant Application for Paramedic Services, Grant Application for the Historic Preservation Technical Assistance, Approval for a Autism Bike Ride and a bid for the salt.

**Approval of Minutes: BOS Special Meeting of June 22, 2016 (7:00 P.M)** Donlan moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

**Public Comments: NONE**

**Reports for the month of June:**

**Animal Control Officer** – Lots of issues with dogs. Dogs on other people's properties, Daun has been really busy.

**Municipal Agent for the Elderly:** Elenor is doing great. Going to all the Committee on Aging meetings, she's meeting with youth and family, she's been spending a lot of time with Candy. She has been working on Renters Rebates and Farmers Market tickets. She has been up to High Meadow a few times and introduced herself to the residents. We received a ton of phone calls giving her kudos. She has also worked with the health department on a few issues. She is working with Meals-On-Wheels and their changing program. There was an issue with the temperature of the meals. Y has reached out to do exercise with the seniors. Mark has been very helpful to her.

**Senior Center Report** – few different activities, Bingo, Club60 Strawberry Festival was a great turnout. Committee on aging has met and Marge is going to be their new Chair come September. They've been doing special lunches with the food services and Club60 had their annual picnic at the Senior Center. Diane has been really busy. She had about 123 trips with the senior van.

**Resignations:**

**EMPLOYEES:**

**Marilyn Baumann:** Tax Assessor has decided to retire. Her position is posted in the Town Hall for the three (3) days that we need to for the union and then we went public on Wednesday. We have received many applicants. We are keeping this posting open until July 15, 2016. She is asking to retire on August 5, 2016 but is willing to stay a little longer due to transition and training and making sure we have the right candidate. She's done a lot of work and she will be missed.

**Keith Campbell:** Public Works employee decided to go back and run his own business. On June 23, 2016 he resigned. We now have an opening in Public Works. We posted it internally for three (3) days and then put it up on Indeed. We'll be setting up interviews.

**Richie Zanelli:** Had to have shoulder surgery. He is the foreman for the crew. He will be retiring in the near future. To not hold up that position as he will be out of commission for quite some time, he is giving up his position as foreman. We do not have a retirement date yet. In the meantime, we need to find someone to fill his position.

**COMMISSIONS:**

**Mike Fortuna:** He has asked to NOT renew his commission for EDC (after 20+ years). He will stay on the Haddam/East Haddam group for Tourism. We are looking for someone to step up and take his place. There are a few people who said they would take over or co-chair. He's done a great job and he will be missed.

**Haddam Park & Recreation: Craig Anderson, William Bowles and Robert Fitzgerald resigned effective June 30, 2016.** Ed Matthews and Melissa Schlag were emailed to let them know there were openings as well as having a few people interested in the openings. If anyone knows anyone who is interested, please let them know there are openings. This is a very important commission for the town.

**Elderly Disabled Tax Relief Applicants:**

Discussion: how much over the \$55,000.00 per appeal. Each person is an individual and each appeal will be evaluated separately. Donlan moved to approve both applications. Approved unanimously.

**Bonding | Resolution:**

**Lizz Milardo** introduced a resolution which recommends the following proposed ordinance to the Board of Finance and approves its filing with the Town Clerk:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,480,000 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

The full text of the proposed resolution was provided to each member of the Board of Selectmen and others present at the meeting and a copy of the full text of the resolution is recorded following these minutes.

**Lizz Milardo** introduced a motion to waive the reading of the entire resolution and to incorporate its full text into the minutes of the meeting and adopt the proposed resolution and **Sean Donlan** seconded the motion.

Discussion: We are voting for this Resolution to go to the Board of Finance.

The motion was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Board Members In Favor: **3, Lizz Milardo, Robert Duval and Sean Donlan.**

Board Members Opposed: **NONE**

**\*\* For the record:** the roads we are looking to improve, there are many of them on a list, they are prioritized by the town engineer, there are more to come, but the bigger ones that need to be taken care of are McTigh Road, Bartman Road, Park Road, Little City Road, Foot Hills Road, Beaver Meadow Road, Hidden Lake Road, Rock Landing Road and Injun Hollow Road. There are other projects that will be done, the money is already put aside but these are the roads that will be done with the Bonding piece. There are more of the big project roads. Three (3) of the roads themselves are almost 4 million dollars. For us to mill and pave is a tenth of the cost, which is what the rest of roads are getting. Are there any other questions? Duval: When does the length of the bond get determined? Milardo: We are going to band first, which is 9 months for the first set we need to do, we are going to do it over time. So we might band for 2 million dollars to get the road work done for this year and then we would push the rest out. Duval: So all we have is a maximum number of dollars? Donlan & Milardo: Yes. Duval: We don't have dollars and time together? Milardo: There is a time table - some roads can get done this year.

**New Business:**

**Grant Application – Paramedic Services** Middlesex is starting to charge for their paramedic services. We are paying for “grant” It’s not really a grant we are paying for it. Middlesex proposed we pay \$1.00 per year per citizen, increasing \$1.00 a year for the next 5 years, with all the cuts at the state level, hospitals are offering their paramedic services. If we do not do this the Medicare citizens would not be able to pay as Medicare doesn’t cover that cost. The COG put a committee together to revise this contract, We set that it get renewed every year, we only committed to doing it one year. We put \$8,333.00 into the budget, they went by the newer census and using the number \$8,346.00 we are off \$7.00. They want payment immediately if we sign this contract. We voted at the COG meeting that this is the version we would use this contract. The Hospital has accepted this version. Duval moved to sign this grant application for Middlesex Hospital. Discussion: Donlan: we need to make efforts to resolve this issue and make sure our residents are covered. Approved unanimously.

### **Grant Application – Historic Preservation Technical Assistance**

Money was put aside in the Capital Budget to do \$30,000.00 worth of improvements to the Senior Center. The Connecticut Historic Preservation came and looked at the building. There were questions about the siding, painting and construction. We found out there was a grant available. It is a 50% matching grant up to \$20,000.00 to have an architectural review done on the building. This needs to be done, there is some water issues that looks like it came through, we're also not ADA compliant and we really need to be and there's an issue with the ramp, the parking lot is a disaster and there's a bell tower. There are concerns about where water may be coming in and what may be living up there. We found out about the Grant in May, we had 2 weeks to get it together. It was due June 1<sup>st</sup>. We were awarded the Grant. I'm using the money in the capital. I need permission to be able to sign the paperwork. The amount of services that we need is \$11,000.00. We are going to be awarded \$5,500.00. The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation has stepped in and has helped us in many ways. Great opportunity for us to get extra funding.

**Lisa Malloy (Citizen allowed to speak)** is a member of the Building Committee and we did discuss this and I did help write this grant for this work and I think it is very important to have a full understanding of what the issues are and what we are going to do.

Duval moved to allow Lizz to sign the Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grant. Donlan Seconded. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Approval for Autism Bike Ride on July 17, 2016** – Summer Breeze Bike Ride. They need permission. It's the same bike route that others have followed. Donlan moved to approve the Summer Breeze Bike Ride for Autism provided they are using our roads as applicable by law. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

### **Salt – Treatment of Public Roads & Walkways**

State bid for salt is \$79.85. DRVN Enterprises came to the COG and gave a presentation. Their price is \$70.00. The difference between DRVN & the State is that if the State runs out of sand the towns don't get it. If we have a really bad winter and they need it for state roads and state highways they get taken care of first. Going through DRVN Enterprises with an estimate of using 600 tons (close to what we used last year) they are less expensive and we are guaranteed the product. This is the company we used last year. If we use DRVN we only pay for what we use. If we go through the state and we tell them we want 600 tons, and only use 450 tons we still pay for the 600 tons.

**Discussion:** if we use more than 600 tons what happens? We can buy more at \$70.00. Donlan- it is a private company. Just because they say they won't run out doesn't mean they won't. It's not necessarily a better guarantee than the state. The company can go out of business. We will not be penalized with the state if we don't use the state. We can always go with the state when we choose.

Duval moved to use DRVN for salt.

Donlan asked; do we need to go out to bid for this?

Lizz: This bid is lower than what is posted on the DAS website we can choose to use this bid. We are technically voting to spend that amount of money on salt.

Donlan: Does our Charter require us to go to bid for any purchase above a certain amount I don't necessarily want to violate that.

The COG has done on other items a bidding process so the towns don't have to do it individually. We will table this. I will double check on this and we'll hold it until our next meeting.

**Correspondence:** We put a request in to DOT to look at the intersection at the traffic light on Route 81 and Little City Road for improvement. I believe there is enough room to put in a left hand turn and to widen it a little bit. The DOT has confirmed they received the request and they will look into it.

**Selectman's Comments:** Phone calls coming in due to speeding have increased ~ 3-4 a day. Lizz has talked with the Resident Troopers and their Sargent so they are aware. They are looking to put a speed limit machine on Parker Hill.

A lot of residents contact the office thinking we have control over the school budget and we do not. Residents are asking for more work to be done with the Board of Education on the budget for RSD17. Lizz will be going to upcoming Board of Education meetings and meeting with the Superintendent. The Old Town Hall has had a water issue for a number of years. No one could figure out what the problem was – we had someone go in and take a look at it. It cost \$1,400.00 to fix it. Insurance will cover the damage that was done. There is a lot of asbestos, led and mold. CIRMA (our insurance company) is willing to pay for those damages but for that type of thing it's up to the town. We have received estimates, it is very expensive. CIRMA has put a field engineer on the case. We are waiting for an update on this. We had three (3) FOI requests.

Phil Goff and Manafort had a meeting about needing water – it was fine for Manafort. Then other trucks were taking water without permission. Residents have expressed concern due to the drought, some thought the town should charge for the water.

There are no locks on the cistern. Phil purchased locks. Lizz called Eversouce. They will stop immediately. Manafort has been notified to not do anything with the water. There was no e-mail or call to the Town Hall, just lots of chatter on Facebook.

### **Public Comments:**

**Elizabeth Malloy: Director of the Haddam Historical Society. Update:** Arnold House Museum received a grant for an agricultural dig on the side of the driveway. Also received a grant through the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation to paint the Arnold House this summer. Connecticut's Historic Garden day a few weeks ago, they had over 75 people. Lastly, the owners of 85 Bridge Street will be coming in for a demolition permit so we will be testing our demolition delay ordinance for the first time.

**Ed Schwig: 1.** The Town Assessor position needs to be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen. I encourage both Sean and Robert to be a part of this process to get the best person for the job as it's an important job for the town.

**2.** The Resolution, I don't see a referendum. We're just going to a town meeting? We won't go to a referendum for the appropriation?

Selectman Milardo: It will be discussed at the Public Hearing. Most people believe they voted on it already when they voted on the budget. So it probably will go to a Town Meeting. I really don't see spending \$5,000.00 for a referendum.

Ed: Think it would be a good idea to have the people vote on 6 million dollars.

### **Ed Munster:**

The HPTAG Grant for the Old School House, the Grant is to do an assessment of the building so when we do spend the money, we spend it wisely. 2<sup>nd</sup> in reference to the COG; I always thought the purpose of the COG was to try to provide services in a less expensive way to the 17 towns in the COG to have a better buying opportunity than each town going out to bid and so I would hope that the bidding process by the COG is sufficient although one might argue the Town Charter didn't allow for the COG. With respect to a private industry and whether the private industry is more reliable than the state government. This is something we all question in the past few years. It's a promise to the town. Either way you go, there are no guarantees.

**Adjournment:** Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. Donlan seconded. Approved unanimously. Minutes taken by: JoAnn Ricciardelli

TOWN OF HADDAM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
RESOLUTION  
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 6, 2016

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen (the "Board") of the Town of Haddam (the "Town") hereby recommends to the Board of Finance the following proposed ordinance and approves the filing of the text of such ordinance with the Town Clerk pursuant to Section 3-7(d) of the Town Charter:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$6,480,000 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HADDAM:

Section 1. The sum of \$6,480,000 is appropriated for the cost of pavement resurfacing, sealing, milling, overlay, drainage improvements, repair, reclamation and/or reconstruction of all, or portions of, the following town roads: McTigh Road, Bartman Road, Park Road, Little City Road, Foot Hills Road, Beaver Meadow Road, Hidden Lake Road, Rock Landing Road and Injun Hollow Road and certain other town roads designated by the Board of Selectmen (the "Project"). The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, site improvements, survey costs, bidding costs, construction administration and inspection expenses, architects' fees, engineering fees, legal fees, insurance, administrative, advertising and printing expenses, consulting fees and related services, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project or its financing. The Board of Selectmen (the "Board") is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the Project. The Board may reduce or modify the scope of the Project if funds are insufficient to complete all components of the Project, and the appropriation authorized hereby may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified.

Section 2. To finance said appropriation for the Project, the Town may issue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$6,480,000 (or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants or other sources of funds received by the Town for said Project). The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to the Town Charter of the Town, including Section 3-7(b) and Section 9-6 thereof, and Chapter 109 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Connecticut General Statutes"), and any other enabling acts.

Section 3. The Town may issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the Project or the receipt of grants for the Project. The amount of the notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$6,480,000. The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

Section 4. The First Selectman and the Treasurer of the Town (the "Officials") are authorized to sign said bonds or notes of the Town by their manual or facsimile signatures and to determine the amounts, rates of interest, dates, maturities, dates of principal and interest payments on such bonds or notes, the form of such bonds or notes, the provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of such bonds or notes and all other terms, conditions and particular matters regarding the issuance and securing of such bonds or notes and to execute, sell and deliver the same and all other documents, agreements and certificates related to the sale, issuance or delivery of said bonds or notes, and to provide and/or execute all supporting documentation as may be necessary to

accomplish such purposes and to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, the provisions of the Town Charter, and in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes and any other applicable provision of law thereto enabling. The bonds and notes authorized hereby shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the full faith and credit of the Town.

Section 5. The Officials are authorized to designate a bank or trust company to be the certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for such bonds and notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; and to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes. The law firm of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C., Hartford, Connecticut is designated as the attorneys at law to render an opinion approving the legality of such bond or note issue or issues.

Section 6. The Officials are authorized to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes, including, but not limited to, entering into a continuing disclosure agreement pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12. If the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution are issued on a tax-exempt basis, the Officials are authorized to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 7. The Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the Project. The Officials are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 8. The First Selectman is authorized, on behalf of the Town, to execute any contracts with engineers, contractors, architects and other persons for the Project, to apply for and accept state and other grants to finance the appropriation for the Project, and to execute and file any application or enter into any grant agreement prescribed by the State of Connecticut or other governmental authority. The Officials are authorized to execute and deliver any obligations arising under such grant agreement.

Section 9. The Officials and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other actions which are necessary or desirable to complete the Project consistent with the foregoing and to issue bonds, notes or other obligations to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

END TEXT