

Public Hearing - Proposed Haddam Town Flag – August 22, 2013

First Selectman DeStefano opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the TH. He thanked everyone who worked on this project (committee).

DeStefano read the call of the meeting as follows. “Notice is hereby given there will be a Public Informational Hearing on August 22, 2013, 6:30 P.M., at the Town Hall, 21 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT to enable the Committee on Civic Pride to introduce a proposed design for a Town of Haddam Flag and to discuss their research and outreach efforts.

Dated in Haddam, CT this 6th day of August, 2013.”

DeStefano asked committee member, Bradlee Height, to explain what the symbols on the proposed Flag represents (on website). Height explained the 350th Anniversary inspired the young men who serve on this committee to talk about civic pride and come up with a design for a Town Flag. The committee came to a BOS meeting and asked how they would go about doing this. The BOS approved appointing the committee and have met with them several times.

The committee received endorsements from the Haddam Historical Society, Higganum Vision Group, and Lion’s Club.

A resident asked what the town will do with the proposed flag. Will it be available to the public? Height stated they will try and generate money and give all proceeds to the town. DeStefano stated the committee has spent their own money for a set-up fee and the proto-type flag. DeStefano feels the committee should be given money back with the support of Haddam River Days.

Some criticisms proposed were flag too busy, osprey looks vicious, change color of the osprey to brown, where the white is on the flag change to blue, take out some of the feathers in the middle so that the shad and the ear of corn are more pronounced.

It was decided to have the committee look into the suggested changes and see what the price of the Proposed will cost with the changes and colors being made.

DeStefano feels the concept is great and would like to support their effort.

Meeting adjourned 7:04 P.M.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli