

Special Selectmen's Meeting – May 18, 2016 (6:00 P.M.)

First Selectman, Lizz Milardo opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. at the Station #1 Firehouse.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2016: Donlan moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

Reports for the month of April – Senior Center Manager: Lundgren reported the following activities for the month. Bingo, Chorus, Tai Chi, craft day on Tuesdays, Haddam Bicycle Cruisers, music, Ukuladies, and there was a roast beef carving station, ice cream sundaes and a concert.

Animal Control Officer: The ACO had 38 calls, many of which were for constant dog barking and dogs roaming. Please try to be respectful of other neighbor's property.

Resident Troopers: There was a robbery at the Higganum Market. A suspect was identified and an arrest warrant will be issued shortly. Trooper Connelly made an arrest regarding several vehicles that were broken into. Trooper Milardo made an arrest which involved the larceny of coins from a residence.

Troopers Connelly and Milardo did the cooking at a pancake breakfast put on by Y&FS. There were many positive comments on their cooking ability. There was a drug take back program in Killingworth, which was very successful. The drugs were given to the DEA to be disposed of appropriately. No fatal accidents.

Appointments: First Selectman Milardo received a letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs stating that every town must have a Veterans' Service Contact Person (VSCP). Milardo reached out to Richard Annino who graciously accepted. Duval moved to appoint Mr. Annino as the Town of Haddam's representative, effective immediately. Approved unanimously.

Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD): Milardo stated the Town of Haddam is allowed one seat on the board for CRAHD. Jim Monopoli, CRAHD Director, has met with Chatham Health to try and have a smooth transition. Duval moved to appoint Lizz Milardo to serve on the CRAHD Board, effective immediately. Approved unanimously.

Tax Refunds: Donlan moved to approve the following tax refunds.

Craig A. Stevens - \$5.30 for a 1986 Shore trailer – trailer registered in Old Saybrook.

Lisa Ann Anderson - \$196.03 for a motor vehicle – excess payment.

Approved unanimously.

New Business – State of CT Coordinated Medical Emergency: “Under the provisions of the State of CT Regulations Section 28-24-7(a) and (b) every municipality is eligible for a regional telecommunications service credit for Coordinated Medical Emergency direction services. In accordance with the provisions of this regulation, this credit shall be based upon the factor of thirty cents per capita. Last year the Town of Haddam designated Valley Shore ECC as the recipient of this credit. Based upon a population of 8,333 (Dept. of Public Health data), the value of Haddam's credit for fiscal year 2016-2017 is \$2,499.90”. No action necessary. The credit will go to Valley Shore.

Community Connectivity Program Road Safety Audit Application: Liz Glidden, Town Planner, applied for this program because of concern at the East Haddam Bridge for pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The Town received a letter from the State DOT, James Redeker, informing the Town that our municipality's application for the Road Safety Audit (RSA) component of the Program has been

accepted. The application deadline was March 1, 2016, and the Department received 125 applications from 81 municipalities. The RSA will identify bicyclist and pedestrian safety issues and counter-measures, through an independent safety performance review conducted by a team of safety specialists, in close coordination with the local community, to improve safety and reduce crashes. Milardo stated there was a joint meeting between the DOT, Coast Guard, Marina personnel, and the Good Speed Opera House at the Gelston House last week to discuss the East Haddam Bridge repair work, traffic concerns and openings of the bridge. An update will be given after more information is received.

Main Street Investment Fund – Liz Glidden, Town Planner: Liz Glidden was present and state she would like to apply for the Main Street Investment Fund Grant through the Dept. of Housing. The grant is up to \$500,000 and can be used much like a STEAP grant in that it is for improvements to a downtown area village. This grant is available to municipalities that are less than 30,000 in population. Glidden feels this is a great opportunity for the town as there are no matching funds required. The grant is due to the DOH on May 31, 2016. Glidden stated the grant requires that the governing body accept a report on Town Center Economic Development. The town paid Architect, Steve Rocco, to do such a plan in 1999, but it was never accepted by the BOS. Glidden is requesting that the BOS accept this report. Glidden stated to the best of her knowledge accepting this report simply means you have read it and accepts the recommendations in it. By accepting this report, Glidden can make a resolution to add to the grant application so that the town qualifies for this grant. Donlan moved to accept the Economic Development Plan that was prepared in Sept. 1999, as further called the “Planning for Economic Development a Design Vision and Action Plan”. Approved unanimously.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli