

Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting - December 15, 2015

First Selectman Milardo opened the meeting at the T.O.B. Conference Room at 4:00 P.M. Duval and Donlan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discussion Regarding Chatham Health District: Milardo announced Thad King, Director of Chatham Health District, has resigned. Don Mitchell has been appointed Acting Director, effective immediately. Milardo stated the town could withdraw from Chatham Health but the BOS would have to approve it and send to a Town Meeting for final approval. The town would have to make a decision by the end of December as to whether or not they want to withdraw and the town would have six months to come up with a solution as to how to proceed. There are a few options the town could do. Milardo has had discussions with the Killingworth First Selectman to see if we can use their sanitarian on a part-time basis. If the town decides not to do anything, we could always go back to Chatham. There have been many complaints in the past about the services the town receives from Chatham. If a decision is not made by December 31, 2015, the town would have to stay with Chatham for another 18 months. Milardo stated the Town of Haddam would have to go to a Town Meeting to vote to approve the withdrawal. The Dept. of Public Health has been holding monies for Chatham Health District until either Thad King resigned or retired because of an issue with a water company. The Town of East Hampton has been acting like a bank for Chatham Health, paying the district's bills, processing payroll, etc. Now that Mr. King has resigned, the funds will be released in two weeks. Residents had several questions of which Milardo stated she would have more information and numbers at the Town Meeting. After further discussion, Milardo moved to get permission from the BOS to send to a town meeting to withdraw from the Chatham Health District by December 31, 2015. The date of the Town Meeting will be December 23, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the Station #1 firehouse. The BOS approved unanimously to set the meeting.

Duval moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 P.M. Approved unanimously.

Minutes taken by – Alice Zanelli