

Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
November 5, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; T. Bourgoïn; E Dill
Also Present: K. Tosi; L. Zemienieski and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Haines called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoïn, to approve the agenda as written.
Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of October 15, 2025, Special Meeting of October 22, 2025, and Special Meeting of October 24, 2025

Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to draft minutes in their meeting packets.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoïn, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2025 as written. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoïn, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 22, 2025 as written. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoïn, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 24, 2025 as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: Ms. Haines reported that all the correspondence received related to the Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices issue would be read at this evening's Public Hearing.

5. First Selectmen's Report

A. Board of Assessment Appeals – 2025 Fall Final Report: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to the Board of Assessment Appeals Fall Report in their meeting packets, dated September 28, 2025. She noted that no assessment adjustments had been made at the BOAA's September public hearing and \$160.00 expenses were incurred.

6. Public Comment

Mr. Ken Tosi read a prepared statement expressing his disappointment with First Selectwoman Haines' "...facebook response to Tanya [Bourgoin] regarding 'really setting the record straight' on the ambulance service". Mr. Tosi reviewed the history of the Ambulance Association providing financial information to Ms. Haines, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance to justify their request for support from the Town. He emphasized that the EHAA's financial problems are not a result of mismanagement but, rather, a consequence of changing Town demographics and low reimbursement rates. He expressed his hope that the Town's "new administration will be more receptive to attacking the problem collectively among all the town's EMS participants, and we can arrive at a plan that is best for the residents and taxpayers".

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices (ATESD) Discussion: Ms. Haines advised that this agenda item will be addressed at a Public Hearing this evening. She clarified that the hearing is an opportunity to provide the public with information about the Town's proposed use of ATESDs but that there will be no votes taken on the matter tonight.
- B. Tax Increment Financing Policy Approval: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to the Town's Tax Increment Financing policy in their meeting packets and advised that she had provided the Board of Finance with a copy of the policy at their October 20th meeting and that they had agreed it should be posted on the Town's website.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve a Tax Increment Financing Policy as presented. Unanimous aye.

- C. Cell Tower Discussion – 440 Town Street: Ms. Haines called the Selectmen's attention to a proposal received from ARX Wireless in their meeting packets to construct a communications facility at the Company 1 Firehouse at 440 Town Street. She noted that plans are still in the review stage; however, at the October 28th meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board unanimously approved a motion that the project has been reviewed in compliance with CT General Statute 8-24 and they found that it fits the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. Ms. Haines further stated that the land lease agreement is also being reviewed by the Town's attorney who will advise the steps the Town needs to take to move this project through the approval process.

8. New Business

- A. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (CEM): Ms. Haines called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of an email, dated October 19, 2025, from Deb Denette, Secretary of the Cemetery Commission, recommending the appointment of a new member.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin to appoint Phil Barlow as a regular member of the Cemetery Committee to fill a two-year term to expire June 30, 2027. Unanimous aye.

B. Tax Refunds: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to one tax refund.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to award a tax refund in the amount as presented.

- \$1,942.23 to Toyota Lease Trust.
Unanimous aye.

9. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison's Reports: Ms. Bourgoin reported that the CT Sustainability Ceremony was held on October 28th at the Goodspeed Opera House and the Town shared in the state's \$100,00.00 prize with seven other Gold level "climate achiever" municipalities (\$12,500.00 each).

B. Other: Mr. Dill presented First Selectwoman Haines with a proclamation on her retirement from the Board of Selectmen which expressed the Town's deep appreciation of her service and pursuit of excellence on behalf of the citizens of East Haddam. Ms. Haines thanked the Selectmen and Ms. Zemienieski for all the good work they did together.

10. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 a.m. .

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Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary