Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
October 19, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; E. Dill; T. Govert
Also Present: E. Blaschik; D. Dill; L. Zemienieski; and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Haines called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

   Ms. Haines stated that she would like to add item 5.A. – Board of Assessment Appeals Fall 2022 Report to the Agenda.

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

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 5, 2022

   Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Govert, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 5, 2022, as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence

   There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.

5. First Selectmen's Report

   Ms. Haines reported the following:

   - Composting at the Transfer Station seems to be dropping off slightly which may be a result of additional seasonal residents in the summer months. A month-by-month analysis of the public's use of composting will be done to determine its actual impact.

   - The Chamber of Commerce held its monthly Swingbridge update meeting. Crews are currently working on the Haddam sidewalk approach to the bridge. No closures are planned for the immediate future; however, there may be some lane interruptions. Daily openings for marine traffic will continue at 10am and 1pm through November 30th and from December 1to January 31 there will be no bridge openings for marine traffic. Live cameras are being installed on each side of the bridge so the public can view the traffic flow at the bridge.

   A. Board of Assessment Appeals Fall Report

      Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to the Board of Assessment Appeals report, dated September 30, 2022. Mr. Blaschik, Chairman of the Board, reviewed the report. He noted that the number of vehicle appeals had increased; however, they did not go up as much as he had expected given the increased value of used automobiles. He reported that there were 12 appeals

and the Board reduced the assessment on all 12 for a total reduction in the grand list of $15,630.00. Ms. Haines thanked the Board for their work.

6. Public Comment: There was no public comment brought up for discussion at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

   A. Update on Request to Create an Ordinance Regarding Term Lengths for Elected Officials Discussion: Ms. Haines reported that the attorneys have not yet provided her with their analysis of which changes can be made by ordinance and which would require adoption of a Charter. Consequently, discussion of this agenda item was postponed.

   B. Nutmeg Nor'easter Event Approval: Ms. Haines advised that this event is planned for next year and it will have to get approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission before it comes before the Board of Selectmen. She asked the Board if they had any questions or comments she could relay to P&Z and Ms. Govert expressed her support for the event.

8. New Business

   A. Approval of Emergency Plan for Elections: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to a document in their meeting packets outlining the Town's General Procedures & Emergency Plan for Elections. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Dill, Mr. Blaschik stated that, as a voting moderator, he is aware of the plan but has not read the updated version.

   Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to accept the updated General Procedures & Emergency Plan for Elections as presented from the Registrar of Voters Office. Unanimous aye.

   B. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (EDC)

   Economic Development Commission

   Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to a copy of correspondence in their meeting packets from Sharon Wheeler, Recording Secretary for the Economic Development Commission, with motions made at the Commission's last meeting for membership changes.

   Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Govert, to change the status of Elizabeth Glidden from an alternate member to a regular member filling a vacant position with a term expiration of June 30, 2027 on the Economic Development Commission. Unanimous aye.

   Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to appoint David Merrrick as an alternate member of the Economic Development Commission for a vacant five-year term with a term expiration of June 30, 2025. Unanimous aye.

   C. Tax Refunds: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to fourteen tax refunds.

   Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to award tax refunds in the amounts as presented:

   - $ 41.33 to Christopher Graham,
   - $ 10.49 to Vincent Schmidt,
   - $ 25.43 to Nancy Dalton,
   - $ 93.46 to Bradford Thody,

- $ 29.56 to Stacey Galemba,
- $ 15.58 to Matthew McKenna,
- $ 85.52 to Steven Thibodeau,
- $ 54.68 to Diane Rode,
- $ 59.76 to Patricia Disantis,
- $ 12.40 to Linda Bolduc,
- $ 11.13 to Robert Grenier,
- $457.59 to CCAP Auto Lease LTD,
- $570.24 to JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, and
- $ 73.12 to Norman Gobelle.

Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment brought up for discussion at the meeting.

10. Selectmen's Discussion: In response to a question raised by Ms. Govert, Ms. Haines confirmed that the Town had submitted an application for an APRA Rural Roads Grant from the CT Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection.

    A. Liaison Reports: There were no liaison reports provided at the meeting.

    B. Other: Ms. Haines called the Board's and public's attention to the following events:

        1. Halloween in the Village – East Haddam Village (10/21/22 from 4:30pm to 8:00pm)
        2. Drug Take Back Day – Municipal Office Complex (10/29/22 from 10:00am to 2:00pm)
        3. Project Safe Halloween – Municipal Office Complex (10/31/22 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm)
        4. Elections – Municipal Office Complex (11/8/22 from 6:00am to 8:00pm)
        5. Stuff a Cruiser Event – Municipal Office Complex (11/19/22 from 10:00am to 2:00pm)

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss , a motion was made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary