Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Room 1 & 2
January 5, 2022
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; E. Dill; T. Govert
Also Present: L. D'Aquila; D. Dill; M. Goff; L. Zemienieski; and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Haines called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of December 21, 2022

   Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Govert, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 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:

   - The Broadband Committee will be submitting its report on the feasibility and next steps for establishing a fiber network in Town sometime in January.
   - An RFP was issued to solicit proposals for ambulance services for the Town; it closes on January 17th.
   - The Board of Selectmen's budget workshops will begin soon and she encouraged the public to submit any of their questions, comments, and/or concerns prior to those meetings so that they can be taken into consideration during the Board's deliberations on the budget.
   - Staffing:
     - The Town has received 10 applications for the Library Director position.
     - A police officer will be retiring in January and a posting on the open position will be issued.
   - She provided an update on DOT's scheduled closing of the Swingbridge. In response to a question raised by Ms. Zemienieski, Ms. Haines stated she would clarify the exact days of the closings.

6. Public Comment

   Ms. D'Aquila stated that the East Haddam Ambulance Association (EHAA) is "*really concerned*" about its relationship with the Town. She reviewed an email she had sent to the BOS members which stated that the EHAA is currently in need of financial support from the Town or it "*will cease to exist*".

   Ms. D'Aquila outlined the reasons behind EHAA's current financial situation and what efforts the Association has taken to mitigate the problems. She also stated that the EHAA requested: (1) the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance appoint liaisons to the Association's board, (2) the Town provide financial assistance until the EHAA can decrease its operating costs, and (3) the Town not talk negatively about EHAA in public meetings and invite EHAA to meetings where the Association will be discussed.

7. Unfinished Business

   A. Update on Request to Create an Ordinance Regarding Term Lengths for Elected Officials Discussion: Ms. Haines advised that she is still waiting for the attorney's feedback on the proposed ordinance revisions. She clarified that all of the five ordinances under consideration for revisions will be drafted and voted on separately.

   B. Nutmeg Nor'easter Event Approval: Ms. Haines stated that she believes this agenda item will ultimately fall under the purview of the Planning and Zoning Commission and, consequently, will not be a decision for the Board of Selectmen to make.

   C. Cemetery Committee Letter & By-Law: There was no update on this agenda item.

   D. Request for Proposal for Architectural/Engineering Services for Company 2 Renovations Discussion: Ms. Haines advised that the Fire Commissioner's recommendation had been passed onto the Board of Finance. She noted that if/when the BOF assigns funding for the project, the Board of Selectmen will make the award.

   E. Road Acceptance – Taylor Lane: Ms. Haines advised that she is waiting for Public Works' sign-off and the results of the title search to come in before taking action on this agenda item.

8. New Business

   A. Grant Acceptance – FY 2023 Historic Document Preservation Grant: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to materials in their meeting packets from the CT State Library, dated December 28, 2022, regarding an award of a Historic Documents Preservation Grant for $5,500.00.

      Motion made by Ms. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to recommend to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that a grant in the amount of $5,500 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, State Library, for the purpose of historic document preservation; and that Irene M. Haines, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant
Unanimous aye.

B. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (ZBA)

Zoning Board of Appeals

Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to an email from Greg Daigle giving his notice of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Govert, to accept, with deep regret, the resignation of Gregory Daigle from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Unanimous aye.

C. Tax Refunds: There were no tax refunds considered at the meeting.

9. Public Comment: There were no additional public comments discussed at the meeting.

10. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison Reports: Ms. Govert advised that the Broadband Committee would like to do a presentation to the Board of Selectmen when they submit their final report.

B. Other: Ms. Haines noted that there were several upcoming Board meetings that she would like to reschedule. Ms. Zemienieski reviewed the meeting schedule and the following changes were made:
- January 18th 7:00 p.m. meeting changed to January 19th at 5:00 p.m.
- February 1st 7:00 p.m. meeting changed to February 2nd at 5:00 p.m.
- February 5th 7:00 p.m. meeting cancelled.
- March 1st 7:00 p.m. meeting changed to March 2nd at 5:00 p.m.
- March 15th 7:00 p.m. meeting changed to March 16th at 5:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary