Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
February 7, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; T. Bourgoin; E. Dill
Also Present: L. Zemienieski, and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Haines called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 17, 2024, Special Meeting of January 19, 2024, and Special Meeting of January 29, 2024.

   Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Haines, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2024 as written. Unanimous aye.

   Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Haines, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 19, 2024 as written. Unanimous aye.

   Motion made by Mr. Bourgoin, seconded by Ms. Haines, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 29, 2024 as written. Mr. Dill abstained from the vote and the motion passed by a majority of ayes.

4. Correspondence: There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.

5. First Selectmen's Report: Ms. Haines stated that the Swingbridge would reopen today. There were no additional items on which she reported.

6. Public Comment: There were no public comments or questions raised at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

   A. Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devise (ATESD) Plan Discussion: Ms. Haines confirmed that the automated traffic enforcement devices have to be connected to traffic lights. Consequently, the Town will not pursue acquiring any ATESDs.

8. New Business

   A. Savitsky Lease Extension Approval – Shugrue Property: Ms. Haines provided the background on this agenda item. She advised that the Shugrue open space property has been under Mr. Savitsky's stewardship for the past five years and he would like to renew the lease.

Motion made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve the request to exercise the option to extend the Lease Term one additional period of five years to and through June 30, 2029 as referenced in section 3 of an agreement titled "TERMINATION OF LEASE DATED JULY 16, 2007 BETWEEN ALEXANDER AND DEBORAH SAVITSKY, TENANT, AND ANN M. SHUGRUE AND ANN C. SHUGRUE, LANDLORD AND CO-OWNER, AND CREATION OF A NEW LEASE BETWEEN ALEXANDER SAVITSKY (TENANT) AND THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM (TOWN) SUCCESSOR IN TITLE TO ANN M. SHUGRUE AND ANN C. SHUGRUE" on behalf of the Town of East Haddam upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Lease Agreement.
Unanimous aye.

B. Electricity Contract Discussion – 36 Month Agreement: Ms. Haines advised that the Town is able to lock in its electricity contract at a reduced rate.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to finalize the prices and authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Town, with First Point Power for electricity supply at an approximate rate of $0.1083/per kWh for a three-year period of January 2025 through January 2028, and send the three-year contract to the Board of Finance and Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

C. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (ETHICS, WPCA): Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to materials in their meeting packets regarding changes to the membership of the Ethics Commission and the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Ethics Commission

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to appoint Rebecca Skinner to the vacant three-year term as a member of the Ethics Commission with a term to expire June 30, 2026. Unanimous aye.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Motion made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Mr. Dill, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kevin Moreau from the Water Pollution Control Authority, effective immediately. Unanimous aye.

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

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

- $642.00 to USB Leasing LT.

Unanimous aye.

9. Public Comment: There were no public comments or questions raised at the meeting.

10. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison Reports: Ms. Bourgoin advised that the Sustainability Team had met with Public Works Director Velez and reviewed the composting contract. She stated that the approximately 5,000 lbs. of compost had been recycled last year; however, the Sustainability Team determined that it should do more to engage the community in the program. She recommended renewing the contract with the current company when its term ends on February 15th. Ms. Haines thanked the Sustainability Team for looking into the reasonableness of continuing the program.

B. Other

1. Budget Meeting Schedule Amendment: Ms. Zemienieski advised that she has scheduled budget workshops for the Board for February 21st, February 24th, February 29th, and March 2nd. She stated that the Board of Selectmen is scheduled to present its proposed budget to the Finance at its first budget workshop meeting on March 11.

C. Executive Session - Redevelopment Agency Applicant Interview Discussion:

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to enter into executive session at 8:15 am and to invite Ms. Zemienieski into this session. Unanimous aye.

The Selectmen returned to regular session at 8:22 am. No motions or decisions were made.

D. Redevelopment Agency Appointment Recommendation: The board needs to move forward a selected candidate for the vacancy on the Redevelopment Agency. It should be noted that the appointment does need to be ratified at a Town Meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: Pursuant to Chapter 130, of the Connecticut General Statutes, and the "Town of East Haddam Ordinance to Create the East Haddam Redevelopment Agency for the Development of the Former Town Office and Garage Property and Certain Surrounding Properties" the Board of Selectmen hereby appoints Cameron Hendry, elector of the Town of East Haddam, to the Town of East Haddam Redevelopment Agency, to serve and fill a vacant term expiring August 31, 2026, and subject to approval at the next scheduled Town Meeting. Unanimous aye.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary