Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
November 20, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; E. Dill

Selectmen Absent: T. Bourgoin

Also Present: 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

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

3. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of November 6, 2024

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Haines, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2024, as written. Unanimous aye.

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

5. First Selectmen's Report

Ms. Haines provided the following report:

- Election day went smoothly and both items on the November 19th referendum passed.
- 10' to 15' of the Swingbridge walkway remains to be installed and the State is tentatively planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for December.
- The Swingbridge reopening is still on track for February 2025 and there will be one more 63-hour closure in December for the final balancing.
- Work on the roundabouts on the Haddam side is moving forward; however, it appears there will be a tight turn for tractor trailers.
- She called the Board's attention to materials in their meeting packets concerning adopting the automated speed devices program; she stated that municipalities must work with CT DOT to implement a program and the materials in the meeting packets will provide additional information about how to go about that. Ms. Zemienieski

recommended including representatives from the Police Department in the planning of the set-up of the program.

- There are openings for full-time and part-time firefighter/EMTs and police officers, part-time Library Assistant and full-time Public Works Administrative Assistant.

- Mr. William Barney filled the Board of Finance's open position.

6. Public Comment: There were no public comments brought up at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

A. 2025 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to the 2025 meeting schedule in their meeting packets.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Haines, to approve the following dates as the meeting schedule for the Board of Selectmen for the 2025 calendar year: January 15, February 5 &19, March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18, July 16, August 6 & 20, September 3 & 17, October 1 & 15, November 5 & 19, December 3 & 17 and January 7 & 21, 2026. The first meeting of each month will be held at 8:00 a.m.; the second meeting of the month will be held at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held in the Municipal Office Complex, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2. Unanimous aye.

8. New Business

A. Comcast Letter of Support Discussion – DEEP ConneCTed Communities Grant Program – Round 2: Ms. Haines provided the background on this agenda item.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Haines, that the Board of Selectmen authorize a letter of support to Comcast for their application for the second round of the ConneCTed Communities Grant Program organized by the State of Connecticut in support of providing broadband connection to East Haddam residents. Unanimous aye.

B. Beer & Wine Request – Rathbun Library - Light Up the Holidays Event: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to an email in their meeting packets from Evelyn Morgen, dated November 13, 2024. Ms. Morgen advised that the library is co-hosting the annual Light Up the Holidays Silent Auction Party on December 6th and would like to serve beer and wine.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Haines, to approve beer and wine service at the Rathbun Library for the "Annual Light Up the Holidays Silent Auction Party" on December 6, 2024. Unanimous aye.

C. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (EDC, RA)

Economic Development Commission

Ms. Zemienieski stated that she had not received EDC's recommendations in time to add them to the agenda; consequently, this agenda item was postponed.

Redevelopment Agency

Ms. Haines advised that there are four applicants for the vacant Redevelopment Agency position. Interview dates and times were discussed and Ms. Zemienieski stated she would inform the Board when the interview schedule is finalized.

D. Tax Refunds: Two tax refunds were considered at the meeting:

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

- $ 50.58 to Toyota Lease Trust, and
- $426.34 to Toyota Lease Trust.

Unanimous aye.

9. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison's Reports: There were no liaison reports given at the meeting.

B. Other: Ms. Haines reminded those present of the following events:

1. Christmas in the Village (12/3/2024)
2. Kids Night on Moodus Green (12/6/2024)

10. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Haines, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary