

Board of Selectmen  
Municipal Office Complex  
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2  
December 4, 2024  
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: I. Haines; T. Bourgoin; E. Dill

Also Present: D. Angersola; 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: Ms. Haines noted that she would like to add PZC to Item 8.B. and Item 9.C. Executive Session – Redevelopment Agency Applicant Discussion and 9.D. Redevelopment Agency Appointment Recommendation.

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

3. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of November 20, 2024 and Special Meeting of December 2, 2024

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Haines, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2024, as written. In favor: Dill, Haines. Abstained: Bourgoin. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 2, 2024, as written. In favor: Bourgoin, Dill. Abstained: Haines. Motion carried.

4. Correspondence: Ms. Haines presented correspondence received.
  - A. Letter of Thanks – Public Works: Ms. Haines presented an email she received from Katherine Kosiba, a traveler of Trowbridge Road, thanking the Public Works Department and whomever else was involved in the road improvements. She noted that the road conditions had been deteriorating over time making the ride very unpleasant and difficult in bad weather. She added that the recent paving, line painting and stone at the road edges is such a wonderful improvement that she feels much safer now traveling on this road and wanted to express her appreciation.
5. First Selectmen's Report: Ms. Haines provided the following report:
  - She has received a few complaints regarding the narrowness of the roundabouts in Haddam.

- The Swingbridge reopening is still on track for February 2025 and there will be one more 63-hour closure December 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> for the final balancing.
- The State is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony for December 16 if anyone would like to attend.

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

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices (ATESD) Discussion: Ms. Haines 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.

She added that they just learned that the devices are one directional so the current study equipment will need to be moved to the other side of the road. This means it will take a minimum of two weeks to test each area so for three test spots it will be around 6 weeks before the results of the study are available.

Ms. Haines asked each of the members to review the sample ordinance and plan and come back to the next meeting with their thoughts for adoption in East Haddam.

8. New Business

- A. Three Bridges Cemetery Discussion and Potential Resolution: Ms. Haines turned the floor over to Director of Operations Don Angersola to give an overview of this agenda item.

Mr. Angersola noted that Three Bridges Cemetery (aka North Plains Cemetery) is on private property, but the Town has been mowing it for years. This is one of the town’s older cemeteries. The current owners have presented him with a verbal agreement to give the cemetery property to the town. If the board is interested in this offer, he will need to obtain their offer in writing. Some work will need to be done to the property regarding tree removal of about \$20,000 – \$25,000. If the town agrees to accept the cemetery, he will begin maintenance by cleaning it up and trimming the trees first. He submitted this offer to Planning and Zoning already and has received a CGS 8-24 from them that the acceptance does meet the plan of conservation and development. He added that no taxes are paid on cemeteries so no taxes will be lost by gifting the property to the town. The selectmen asked if this would provide better access to the public and Mr. Angersola responded that there is parking for the public, but the original road to the cemetery has a fence on it that the previous owners installed, and Mr. Ventres is working on that issue.

The board told Mr. Angersola to move forward with getting the offer in writing and presenting to the Selectmen for a vote in order to move this to a Town Meeting.

B. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (EDC, PZC)

**Economic Development Commission**

Ms. Haines called the Selectmen's attention to an email from Bob Casner, Chair of the Economic Development Commission, regarding recommendations to the membership of the commission.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to remove Ryan Davis as an alternate member of the Economic Development Commission due to lack of attendance. Unanimous aye.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to appoint Hayley Scully as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacant five-year term with a term expiration of June 30, 2029. Unanimous aye.

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

**Planning and Zoning Commission**

Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to correspondence relating to a recommendation for a membership change on the Planning and Zoning Commission due to the resignation of Justin Anderson.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to change the status of Toni Marie Dumaine from an alternate member to a regular member to fill a vacancy with a term to expire with the November 2025 election on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Unanimous aye.

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

9. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison's Reports: Ms. Bourgoin noted that the Sustainability Team would not be meeting in December.

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

1. Kids Night on Moodus Green (12/6/2024)

C. Executive Session – Redevelopment Agency Applicant Discussion:

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgojn, to enter into executive session at 8:21 a.m. to discuss the applicants for the Redevelopment Agency and to invite Linda Zemienieski into this session. Unanimous aye.

Selectmen returned to regular session at 8:35 a.m. No motions or decisions were made.

- D. Redevelopment Agency Appointment Recommendation: The board needs to appoint a candidate to fill 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. Haines, 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 Jeffrey Miller, 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, 2028, and subject to approval at the next scheduled Town Meeting. In favor: Dill, Haines. Abstain: Bourgojn.

10. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Bourgojn, seconded by Mr. Dill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Erik Dill, Secretary