Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
October 1, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

1. First Selectman Haines called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Haines stated that, in Selectman Dill's absence, she will postpone discussion on several of the agenda items.

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

3. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of September 3, 2025

   Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to draft minutes in their meeting packets.

   Motion made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2025 as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence

   A. Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting: Ms. Haines reported that the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) had awarded the Town with their Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. She noted that the Town had previously been a recipient of the Certificate for numerous years; however, the recent vacancies in the Finance Director's position had resulted in delayed audits and, as a consequence, the GFOA had not awarded East Haddam the Certificate of Excellence for the previous year 2022.

      Ms. Haines thanked Finance Director Belles and her staff for all their hard work in getting the Town's financial reporting back on track and achieving the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY2023.

5. First Selectmen's Report

   A. HeatSmart Program Report – Jesse Scott: Ms. Haines recognized Jesse Scott who provided an update on the Town's participation in Eversource's HeatSmart Program.

Mr. Scott reported that in 2023 the Sustainability Committee had been approved for a $20k HeatSmart grant from Eversource. He reviewed the number of applications from East Haddam residents that the Sustainability Committee had received, and noted that for 2025 they are on-track for a two-fold increase in applications over the previous year. In response to a request from Ms. Bourgoin, Mr. Scott provided background information on the operations of the HeatSmart program.

Ms. Haines expressed her support for the HeatSmart program and thanked Mr. Scott for his report.

6. Public Comment

The following public comments were presented:

- Steven Broderick – stated that he is a Business Representative on the Executive Board of the Operating Engineers Union. He advised that the East Haddam Transfer Station's employees are members of the Union and he called attention to the recent relocation of their work area. He stated that he feels the relocation was mismanaged and noted that the employees were not included in the planning of the new work area. He noted that the move occurred in a "secretive" manner and, further, it appears to have been "retaliatory". He noted that there are safety and operational concerns and requested the Town's assistance is working through the problems.

- Jesse Scott – advised that he and his family live on Main Street and he commented on the positive results of the two Traffic Enforcement Devices that were recently located on Main Street (Route 149) near his home. He stated that speeding, on that section of the road, was noticeably reduced soon after the devices were installed. Ms. Haines thanked him for his input and Ms. Bourgoin noted that it was good to get first hand feedback.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices (ATESD) Discussion: Discussion of this agenda item was postponed.

8. New Business

A. Grant Acceptance – FY2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to a notice of a grant award in their meeting packets from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection advising that the Town had been awarded an Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Ms. Haines, to accept a grant in the amount of $5,000.00 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled "FY

2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant", and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

B. Grant Acceptance – Early Voting Grant 2025: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to materials in their meeting packets regarding a notification of a grant to the Town from the state to offset the expense of early voting.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Ms. Haines, to adopt the following resolution to be referred to the Board of Finance and then Town Meeting for approval:

RESOLVED: That a grant in the amount of $8,256.84 is hereby accepted from the State of Connecticut, Office of the Secretary of the State for the purpose of costs related to implementing and conducting early voting upon the terms and conditions set forth in an Agreement between The State of Connecticut, Office of the Secretary of the State and the Town of East Haddam. Unanimous aye.

C. Cell Tower Discussion – 440 Town Street: Ms. Haines provided some background on this agenda item and discussion of the topic was postponed.

D. Tax Increment Financing Policy Approval: Ms. Haines provided some background on this agenda item and discussion of the topic was postponed.

E. Transfer Station Fee Waiver – First Church: Ms. Haines called the Selectmen's attention to a completed Transfer Station Fee Waiver Application submitted by the First Church of Christ Congregational.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Ms. Haines, to approve the application to waive Transfer Station Fees for the First Church of Christ Congregational for the disposal of furniture as requested in their September 23, 2025 application. Unanimous aye.

F. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (MFBC, SUSCT, CEM): Ms. Haines advised that expected recommendations for appointments to the Sustainability Team and Cemetery Committee had not yet been received. She stated that consideration of those appointments is postponed.

Moodus Firehouse Building Committee

Ms. Haines noted that the Moodus Firehouse Building Committee is recommending an appointment to the Committee.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Ms. Haines, to appoint Bradley Park as an alternate member to the Moodus Firehouse Building Committee to serve until the completion of the project. Unanimous aye.

G. Tax Refunds: Ms. Haines called the Board's attention to four tax refunds.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Ms. Haines, to award tax refunds in the amounts as presented.

- $567.07 to Nissan Infinity LT, LLC;
- $130.93 to Hyundai Lease Titling Trust;
- $ 27.89 to Paul Olearnick, and
- $ 19.22 to Martha Neeven.

Unanimous aye.

9. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison's Reports: Ms. Bourgoin reported that the Sustainability Committee will hold its Repair Café on October 4th.

B. Other: In response to a request from Ms. Zemienieski, the Selectmen consulted their calendars and agreed to hold a Special Meeting at 4:00 p.m. on October 2nd to address the three agenda items that were postponed at this meeting.

10. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Ms. Haines, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 a.m. .

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Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary