

Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1 & 2
June 5, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Also Present: D. Angersola; R. Smith; 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. Zemienieski asked for one correction to the agenda. Item 10.B.1. Neighborhood Assistance Act Public Hearing (June 12, 2024) – change time from 7:00pm to 5:30pm.

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

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of May 15, 2024

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoïn, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2024 written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: The following correspondence was discussed at the meeting:

- An email from William Carson, dated May 27, 2024, complimenting the Town on the treatment of the dirt section East Shore Drive without using blacktop.
- A note from Sandra and David Rollinson complimenting Public Works and the sub-contractor, Distinctive Tree Service, on the “amazing job” they have been doing removing and cleaning up of trees on Wickham Road.

5. First Selectmen’s Report: There was no First Selectmen’s report provided at the meeting.

6. Public Comment: There was no public comment brought up at the meeting.

7. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business discussed at the meeting.

8. New Business

A. Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects Renewal Discussion: Ms. Haines advised that the Connecticut Department of Transportation email explains the revised

Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects and the request for Town signature. She stated that the documents in the Board packages are for review at this time and approval at their next meeting.

- B. Grant Acceptance – FY 2023 Emergency Management Grant: Ms. Haines called the Board’s attention to a copy of an email in their meeting packets from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, dated April 15, 2024, advising that the Town had been awarded an Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to accept a grant in the amount of \$5,448.25 from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, entitled “FY 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant”, and send acceptance of said grant to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Unanimous aye.

- C. Gift Acceptance – Consumer Reports: Ms. Haines called the Selectmen’s attention to a letter in their meeting packets from Consumer Reports’ Auto Test Division advising them of a donation to the Town. Ms. Haines explained that Consumer Reports has made a monetary gift totaling \$20,000.00 on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, to be used as follows: \$20,000.00 for the Town Beach Playground.

Motion made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to accept a gift from Consumers Reports, Inc. for the Parks and Recreation Department, in the amount of \$20,000.00, for the Town Beach Playground, and send acceptance of said donation to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting for approval. Mr. Dill abstained from the vote and the motion passed by a majority of ayes.

Ms. Haines stated that she would send a letter of thanks to Consumer Reports.

- D. Board/Commission/Committee Changes (SUSCT, 8MILE, COA)

Sustainability Team

Ms. Haines called the Selectmen’s attention to a copy of the minutes of the May 21, 2024 Sustainability Team meeting recommending the appointment of a new member.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to appoint Amber McDonnell as a member of the East Haddam Sustainability Team to serve until the desired certification level has been achieved. Unanimous aye.

Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee

Ms. Haines called the Selectmen’s attention to a copy of an email from Pat Young requesting an appointment to the Eightmile Board to replace Mary Augustiny.

Motion made by Ms. Bourgoin, seconded by Mr. Dill, to appoint Jennifer Burton-Reeve as an alternate to the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee. Unanimous aye.

Commission on Aging

Ms. Haines called the Selectmen's attention to a letter from Jo Golec of the Commission on Aging.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to accept, with deep regret, the resignation of Josephine Golec from the Commission on Aging. Unanimous aye.

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

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment brought up at the meeting.

10. Selectmen's Discussion

A. Liaison's Reports: Ms. Bourgoin advised that the Sustainability Team will be hosting a Spring-into-Summer event on June 22nd, at the Grange, in celebration of achieving a Silver certification. She stated that Board, Commission, and other entities that had helped them receive the certification are invited to the event.

Ms. Bourgoin stated that the Sustainability Team would like to get the Board's approval for the invited guests to bring their own beer and wine beverages to the event. She stated she would send an email to Ms. Zemienieski requesting that authorization.

Motion made by Ms. Haines, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to approve guests bringing their own beer and wine to the Sustainability Team's June 22, 2024 Spring-Into-Summer Silver Certification celebration event, contingent on receiving the request in writing. Unanimous aye.

B. Other

1. Neighborhood Assistance Act Public Hearing (June 12, 2024 @5:30 p.m. – Municipal Office Complex): Ms. Haines noted that a Public Hearing for the Neighborhood Assistance Act will be held on June 12th at 5:30 p.m. She stated that the Goodspeed Opera House, Hope Partnership, and East Haddam Open Space Committee have all submitted applications to the program. She responded to questions from the Board.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Ms. Bourgoin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 a.m.

Recorded

Respectfully submitted,
Erik Dill, Secretary