

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 6, 2015  
7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Kevin Lyden, Elbert Burr, Lewis Buckley, Robert Ross, Edward Chmielewski

**CALL TO ORDER:** K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**A) M/S/C (Burr/Ross) to approve the Board of Selectmen December 2, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous**

**2. Correspondence/Public Comments:**

K. Lyden reported the United Way Mobile Food Pantry will be canceled on Wednesday January 7, 2015 due to the extreme cold weather.

**3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:**

**M/S/C (Chmielewski /Burr) Addition to agenda: B 1. Town Hall Network Infrastructure Additional Appropriation.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**4. Agenda**

**A) Old Lyme Historical Society, "Loving Parting Day"**

Mark Lander, co-chair of the Old Lyme Historical Society spoke on the formation of a committee for the towns of Old Saybrook, Lyme, Old Lyme, East Lyme and Salem to commemorate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Loving Parting Day" and the history of the "Loving Parting".

**M/S/C (Ross/Chmielewski) to approve the proclamation for the "Loving Parting Day"**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**B) Additional Appropriation for Gardner Lake Vehicle Maintenance Line 5-220-617 in the amount of \$11,600 for engine repair to ET 127**

**M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to endorse additional appropriation for Gardner Lake Maintenance Line 5-220-617 in the amount of \$12,000.00 for engine repair to ET 127.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

(see attached)

**B 1.) Town Hall Network Infrastructure Additional Appropriation**

(out of order)

K. Lyden explained the problems with the computer infrastructure in the Town office building.

Robert Pokrinchak from CCI ComputerWorks, who maintains the Town office computer system, spoke to the BOS on the problems with the system and how it could be corrected.

One estimate was received from Atlantic Telecom Voice and Data; K. Lyden stated 3 estimates will need to be received.

(see attached)

**M/S/C (Lyden/Ross) to approve and additional appropriation in the amount of \$17,165.00 for Town Hall Net Worth Infrastructure upgrade.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**C) Discuss Hurst Tools (Extrication Equipment)**

(out of order)

Gardner Lake Fire Company Chief James Savalle discussed the Hurst Tool and submitted documentation on financing the tool. Jeff Savalle and Steve Joseph explained the tool with documentation that was given to the BOS. (see attached)

K. Lyden stated due to the cost of the tool; it will be a Capital Budget Item for the 2015/2016 budget.

Chief Savalle requested \$3000.00 to rent a Hurst tool until the new budget is in effect.

K. Lyden stated he would not support the request; the funds should be used from the firehouses' current budget first.

**D) Review and discuss Master Municipal Agreement**

An update on the Department of Transportation Master Municipal Agreement was given to the BOS to review before and discuss at the next BOS meeting.

**E) 2015/2016 Capital and Government Budget**

K. Lyden stated any requests for Capitol Budget items are due into the First Selectman's and finance office by January 16, 2015.

**F) Tax Collector Refund(s)**

**M/S/C (Ross/Buckley) the Board of Selectman direct the Town Treasurer to issue refunds in the amount of \$444.62 as recommend and certified by the Tax Collector as presented to the Board of Selectmen on January 6, 2015.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

(see attached)

**5. Reports**

**A. First Selectman –**

K. Lyden reported the mobile food pantry has been canceled for January 7, 2015 due to the weather conditions.

K. Lyden thanked Officer Seery, Officer Konow, Superintendent Onofrio, and Selectman Ross on the handling of the incident in East Lyme.

The Town has prepared and is in the process of sending out a request for proposals for auditing services on behalf of the BOF. There is a February deadline.

The Town is preparing to search for a new finance administrative assistant. It will be posted next week in the newspaper. Virginia Casey is retiring on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Budget season is upon us, K. Lyden encouraged residents to attend and/or read minutes of meetings. Please share thoughts during public comment.

**B. Public Works** – Public Works has been sanding and salting the roads as needed.

**C. Building Department**- No report.

**D. Salem School Building Committee**- E. Burr updated the BOS on the school project. New lighting has been installed in the gymnasium, the rear access to the stage has been completed and lighting has been installed on the outside of the building. The remainder of the work will be completed in the spring.

**E. Board of Education** – E. Chmielewski reported the BOE meeting was postponed. There may be a joint meeting between the BOE and the BOF for updates on the upcoming budget.

**F. Board of Finance**- K. Lyden reported it is budget season.

**G. Planning and Zoning Commission** – E. Burr reported February 17, 2015 an informational public hearing will be held on housing/in-law apartments for Town regulations.

**H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** – No report.

**I. Economic Development Commission**- R. Ross reported a pamphlet is being worked on. There was discussion on multiuse zoning and existing commercial properties at the EDC meeting.

**J. Zoning Board of Appeals** – No report.

**K. Recreation Commission** – D. Weston reported after school programs will start and the summer programs are being lined up. There is a bus trip to Vermont in February for a sleigh ride and Norman Rockwell Museum in March. Please go to the Town website for all information.

**L. Public Safety** – See attached.

**M. Transfer Station** – The operator contract is up on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**N. Library Board**- L. Buckley reported there is a new assistant. There will be a budget request for new computers. The policy concerning donations and gifts is being reviewed. A media and audio upgrade is being reviewed for the library. Staff salaries and evaluations are being held for one year.

**6. Public Comment**- none

#### **Adjournment**

**M/C/S (Burr/Chmielewski) to adjourn at 8:04 P.M.**

**Vote: Approved Unanimous**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Diane Weston**

**Recording Secretary**