

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2014
7:00 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER: K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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1. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Ross/Chmielewski) to approve the Board of Selectmen July 1, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes amended.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

Page 3 of 3: N. Library Board - L. Buckley reported negotiations are underway for the new head librarian. August 1st will be the start date for Rachael Geither. She has 14-15 years' experience with a Masters in Library Sciences and Business. The Board is working on a job description for the Head ~~Liberian~~ Librarian. Elections were held for the ~~Board~~ Friends of the Library: Carl Narowki is president, Carol Traggis vice president, George Ziegler treasurer and Martha Giegel is secretary. The library will be closed this Thursday for cleaning. The results of the survey will be posted on the Town website. A "people counter" will be installed; it is a requirement from the State Library Board to have a count of people in the library. The Salem Lions and the Town will purchase the equipment.

2. Correspondence/Public Comments:

K. Lyden reported the Friends of the Library will sponsor a "Meet and Greet" for the new Head Librarian, Rachel Gaither, on Thursday, August 14th from 10:00am to 7:30pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Bill Weinschenker addressed the Board concerning the General Obligation Bond.

3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

None

4. Agenda

A) Moody's Rating Assignment

The BOS were given a letter to review for the rating for the town. K. Lyden reported the town is rated good which helped get a rate of 2.667% for the school bond.

B) Discussion and Possible Action per Section 4.03 of Salem Town Charter Regarding Purchase of State Owned Land

K. Lyden informed the Board there is a piece of land offered for sale by the State of Connecticut between Witch Meadow Road and Cherry Tree Lane. The Town has first refusal on the land and a decision must be made within 45 days.

A Town Meeting must be called if the price is \$5000.00 or over. The price of the land is \$5,000.00.

L. Buckley stated there are two things to consider: 1) is it of any value to the town and 2) if purchased, would it protect the piece from certain uses?

R. Ross stated he could see the Town purchase if the land has a potential future use for the Town, he will investigate the possibility.

K. Lyden asked the Selectmen to respond back to him by Tuesday August 12, 2014; this will give enough time for a BOS Special Meeting to be called and a Special Town Meeting to be scheduled.

C) Update of United Way Mobile Food Pantry

K. Lyden reported the United Way Mobile Food Pantry will be in Salem from 5:00 to 6:00pm on Wednesday August 6. They will be set up at the parking lot next to Salem School. Produce, milk, eggs and meat will be available from the pantry. Salem and neighboring town residents may use the pantry. The Pantry will be in Salem the first Wednesday of the month. There will be 12 volunteers and 3 teenagers helping to distribute the food. Proxies are allowed to pick up food and make deliveries for people. K. Lyden will also line up proxies to help deliver food.

D) Tax Collector Refunds
(out of order)

M/S/C (Ross/ Buckley) the BOS direct the Town Treasurer to issue refunds in the amount of \$1,155.08 as recommend and certified by the Tax Collector to the Board of Selectmen on July 1, 2014.

Vote: Approved unanimous.
(see attached)

5. Reports

A. First Selectman –

The audit review is underway for the 2013/2014 fiscal year. Preliminary figures show the general government returning of approximately \$260,000 to the Town General Fund. K. Lyden thanked all of the town departments for their fiscal responsibility in using the town's people's money.

A letter was shared that was with written for the BOF and the BOS regarding the Salem School General Obligation Bonds explaining the bonds.

B. Public Works – D. Bourdeau reported chip sealing of some town roads will start.

C. Building Department- New home construction is underway.

D. Salem School Building Committee- No report.

- E. Board of Education** – E. Chmielewski updated the BOS on personnel replacements; evaluations; M&J Transportation (bussing); Common Core, grading system; public access, lunch prices and breakfast plan.
 - F. Board of Finance-** None
 - G. Planning and Zoning Commission** – S. Spang reported P& Z is reviewing changes for affordable housing to regulations to concur with the POCD. Elizabeth Burdick is the new ZEO/WEO.
 - H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** – No report.
 - I. Economic Development Commission-** No report.
 - J. Zoning Board of Appeals** – No report.
 - K. Recreation Commission** – D. Weston reported after school and fall bus trips are being planned. S. Spang reported a historical reconnaissance will be done for the Multi-purpose path; once that is complete the Army Core permit will be given. The corner lot of Music Vale and Hartford road is in the process of being cleared to turn the area into a park.
 - L. Public Safety** – No report.
 - M. Transfer Station** – D. Bourdeau reported a cover is now over the garbage bin; there is no commercial dumping at the station anymore.
 - N. Library Board-** L. Buckley reported Rachael Gaither started on August 1; the people counter is now in place and working.
- 6. Public Comment-**
None

Adjournment

M/C/S (Chmielewski/Buckley) to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary

