

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

PRESENT: Kevin Lyden, Elbert Burr, Robert Ross, Lewis Buckley

ABSENT: Edward Chmielewski

1. **Call to Order:** K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

A) **M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the Board of Selectmen September 1, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.**

Vote: Approved Lyden, Burr, Ross Abstaining: Buckley

4. **Correspondence/Public Comments:**

None

5. **Agenda**

A) **Presentation by Salem School Long Range Educational Planning Commission**

Handouts and a presentation were given to the Board of Selectmen by Board of Education Member George Jackson on the Operational and Management Efficiency Study Status.
(See attached.)

Discussion took place on the future student projections for Salem School.

B) **KX Dispatch**

K. Lyden read letters from Salem Volunteer Fire Company and Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company that they both are not going to renew with Colchester Emergency Communications KX. They have been actively researching for another dispatch. The Chiefs of both departments will keep the Selectmen informed.
(See attached.)

C) **Tax Refunds**

M/S/C (Buckley/Burr) the Board of Selectman direct the Town Treasurer to issue refunds in the amount of \$2,447.68 as recommend and certified by the Tax Collector as presented to the Board of Selectmen on October 6, 2015.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

(See attached.)

6. Reports

A. First Selectman –

K. Lyden reported:

The annual audit for the Town went well. Town Government is returning over \$250,000.00 to the General Fund. The Board of Education is returning approximately \$140,000 to \$150,000 to the General Fund. The firm O’Conner/Davis will present its report to the Board of Finance in November.

The second grade students from Salem School held its annual Town Meeting at Salem Town Hall.

B. Salem School Building Committee- E. Burr reported the Committee is getting close to having the final work completed. There is one more paving job to be completed.

C. Board of Education – See Agenda item A.

D. Board of Finance- K. Lyden reported items for the 10 yr. Capitol Plan will need to have more proof to the BOF that the items are needed.

E. Planning and Zoning Commission – E. Burr reported more diverse housing is being researched for Salem. There will be a presentation on the housing.

F. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission – No report.

G. Economic Development Commission- R. Ross stated the Commission is looking into the potential of solar farms in Salem.

H. Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.

I. Recreation Commission – D. Weston reported the playscape will be installed at the RHR complex.

J. Public Safety – A retirement party was held for Officer Kevin Seery for his 22 years of service.

K. Library Board- L. Buckley reported Karen Jackson was appointed to the Library Board. The head Librarian reevaluation is being worked on. Norm & Judy Rabe are resigning from the annual book sale.

7. Public Comment-

L. Buckley stated this was his last Board of Selectmen meeting; it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve the community. He said that he felt this Board had always kept in mind what was best for the Town of Salem.

8. Adjournment

M/C/S (Burr/Ross) to adjourn at 7:48 P.M.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary