

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 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 7:03 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

A) M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the Board of Selectmen January 6, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

**Vote: Approved unanimous**

**2. Correspondence/Public Comments:**

None

**3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:**

M/S/C (Lyden/Chmielewski) Addition to agenda: F) Resolution for Historic Documents Preservation Program

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

L. Buckley noted for agenda item C), the Committee is "Public Safety Service Committee".

**4. Agenda**

**A) Blizzard Update and Action Items**

K. Lyden informed the BOS he had declared a State of Emergency during the storm for FEMA reimbursement. The expenses for the storm are estimated to be in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range, possibly higher. An EOC meeting was held prior to the storm for planning. Public Works stayed and worked throughout the duration of the storm. Two non-union drivers were hired for plowing during the storm. Only a minor incident happened with one of the trucks, an oil line broke. K. Lyden stressed the main concern was safety for the workers. He stated the Town was prepared for the storm by taking a proactive approach. Seniors had been called ahead of time by Sue Spang, Agent for the Elderly, to see if they needed any assistance before the storm and that if they could not stay in their house they had somewhere to go. The Red Cross opened a shelter in East Lyme. There were no power outages and the salt supply is not an issue at this point.

**B) Act on Master Municipal Agreement**

**M/S/C (Buckley/Ross) to approve the Resolution as worded.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**C) Update on Public Safety Service Committee**

L. Buckley informed the BOS the first meeting was held on January 15 and will be held on the second Tuesday of the month. A co-chair was named and guidelines for review of the study were planned.

**D) Update on Salem School Study**

K. Lyden reported the Committee for the Salem School Study is working with Plum Shapario Consulting Firm. Interviews are complete with the teachers, Board of Education, Superintendents of East Lyme and Salem, Business, Administration, and Technology. They are doing district comparisons with similar communities to Salem. The study should be done by the end of March. A presentation will be done for Salem residents.

**E) Tax Collector Refund(s)**

**M/S/C (Ross/ Chmielewski) the Board of Selectman direct the Town Treasurer to issue refunds in the amount of \$724.54 as recommend and certified by the Tax Collector as presented to the Board of Selectmen on February 3, 2015.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

(see attached)

**F) Resolution for Historic Documents Preservation Program**

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the resolution: that Kevin T. Lyden, First Selectman is empowered to execute and deliver in name and on behalf of this municipality, a contract with the Connecticut State Library and Historic Documents Preservation Grant.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**5. Reports**

**A. First Selectman –**

K. Lyden report the grand list has increased 1.25%. Interviews will take place for the finance administrative position. Oil pricing (\$2.28) and diesel pricing (\$2.31) is fixed for next year. A Special Board of Selectman meeting will be held the week of March 9<sup>th</sup>, K. Lyden will ask the date be set next regular BOS meeting; but asked the BOS to check their calendars so a date can be picked.

**B. Public Works –** Public Works has been busy plowing.

**C. Building Department-** Diane Weston reported one house has been started on Syleo Drive.

**D. Salem School Building Committee-** E. Burr reported the indoor projects have been completed; they will complete the outdoor projects when the weather clears. There was a problem with some of the air handlers on the roof this week.

**E. Board of Education –** E. Chmielewski reported the Superintendent presented the budget at a meeting. The BOE will review the budget to make reductions. A joint meeting was held between the BOE and BOF to review the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

**F. Board of Finance-** K. Lyden reported it is budget season; the RFP is out for auditing services.

**G. Planning and Zoning Commission** – E. Burr reported Richard Serra gave a presentation on Affordable Housing (Work Force Housing). An informational public hearing will be held on housing/in-law apartments for Town regulations in February.

**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 there is an after school program taking place for LEGO Fundamentals. Spring and summer programs are being lined up. They will include: Adult/High School/Middle School Tennis, Saturday Multi-purpose Path Exercise Class, Performing Arts, LEGO Engineering, Music Lessons and Outdoor Hockey. Possible programs are: 10 & Under Tennis and a Saturday Art program. Bus trips offered are a Sleigh Ride in Vermont for February, Norman Rockwell Museum and Maple Sugar Demonstration in March, New York City Day on Your Own in May, October, and December.

**L. Public Safety** – No report.

**M. Transfer Station** – The compactor enclosure might need a front door on it.

**N. Library Board-** L. Buckley reported the capital budget was presented at the BOF meeting.

**6. Public Comment-** none

**Adjournment**

**M/C/S (Burr/Chmielewski) to adjourn at 7:54 P.M.**

**Vote: Approved Unanimous**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Diane Weston**

**Recording Secretary**