



2) **CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no *CORRESPONDENCE*.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

➤ P. Sielman:

Drop-outs - During the last Virtual Town Meeting (VTM) broadcast from the school library, there were a couple of drop-outs (the picture was lost). He and W. Spang tested the equipment at the Town Hall and the Town Library and there were no problems. It has been determined that the problem is the school's ethernet. Comcast will put in a new cable at no cost to the town. He has requested that the Board of Finance 2010/2011 Budget hearing be broadcast live.

3) **AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS:**

There were no *ADDITIONS/REVISIONS* to tonight's agenda.

4) **AGENDA:**

A) **Set Special Meeting date for budget review**

(M/S/C) (Ross/McKenney) to set a Special Board of Selectmen Meeting for **\*Monday, March 8, 2010\***, 4:30 pm at the Salem Town Office Building for the Board's review of the 2010/2011 Proposed Budget. Vote: approved unanimously.

(NOTE: \*This date was later changed to Wednesday, March 10, 2010.)

B) **Proposed subdivision road (Colchester/Salem) bond**

K. Lyden explained:

This bond is for Salem's portion of the road (to be accessed from Buckley Road), which will provide access to the two (2) lots in Salem. J. Butts, Town Attorney, has reviewed the Drainage Easements submitted by the applicant (Carvalho Brothers Realty, LLC) and has approved them.

D. Bourdeau, Jr., Public Works Director:

Explained the two (2) scenarios computed by the Town Engineers for the construction costs for the part of the road in Salem:

- 1) Restoration of the site assuming the road is not constructed and the stockpiled topsoil is respread and hydroseeded with no construction: \$8,400.
- 2) Road is completed to binder course and the town must install the top course of bituminous concrete pavement to finish the paving of the Salem portion of the cul-de-sac: \$13,900.

In Colchester, developers must construct the road and have it approved by the town before any building permits will be issued.

S. Tassone, Colchester's Town Engineer, has agreed to do all road inspections on both the Salem and the Colchester portions of the new road.

This will facilitate construction and avoid conflicts or delays in the scheduling of inspections.

An agreement can be signed by both the Colchester and the Salem First Selectmen agreeing to this.

After Board discussion, they took the following action:

M/S/C (Ross/Fogarty) to approve the application of Carvalho Brothers Realty, LLC for a Road Construction Permit at 50 Buckley Road with a bond in the amount of \$22,300 to be submitted to the Town of Salem in the form of a cash or passbook bond and to authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement, after review and approval by the Salem Town Attorney, with the Town of Colchester to have Colchester's Town Engineer perform the inspections on the entire new road. Vote: approved unanimously.

**C) Endorsement of supplemental appropriation (\$14,000) for Dept. #135 - Maintenance**

D. Bourdeau, Jr., PW Director:

The Maintenance line item is nearly overspent.

There have been many repairs needed this year, especially at the Library.

There are still four (4) months left to go before the end of the fiscal year and more repairs are still required.

Discussion:

A problem lies in the meanings of the words "maintenance" and "repair". This matter has been previously discussed by the Board of Selectmen.

Maintenance suggests "planned maintenance" (a list of maintenance planned for the fiscal year); "repair" suggests immediate action required to fix, restore, put back together.

Lengthy debate in regard to the possibility of splitting Dept. #135 MAINTENANCE into two (2) lines: 1) Planned Maintenance and 2) Repairs.

This will be discussed with the Board of Finance.

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to recommend to the Board of Finance a Supplemental Appropriation to Department #135 MAINTENANCE in the amount of \$14,000. Vote: approved unanimously.

**D) Girl Scout Proclamation**

The First Selectman read the following Proclamation:

"WHEREAS, March 12, 2010 marks the 98<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Lowe in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of courage, confidence, and character; and,

WHEREAS, through Girl Scout leadership experience girls develop the skills and lessons that will serve them a lifetime so that they may contribute to their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of the opportunities available to them today in math, science, sports, technology and other fields that can expand their horizons; and,

WHEREAS, more than three (3) million current Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 98 years of this American tradition, with nearly 50 million women who are former Girl Scouts and living proof of the impact of this amazing movement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Kevin T. Lyden, by virtue of the authority vested in me as First Selectman of the Town of Salem, Connecticut, do hereby applaud the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the leadership development of America's girls and proudly proclaim the week of March 7, 2010 as Girl Scout Week."

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to approve the Girl Scout Proclamation as read by the First Selectman. Vote: approved unanimously.

**E) School Planning/Building Comm. for Salem School Upgrades**

K. Lyden, First Selectman:

Letter of 3/02/10 received from D. Leake, Superintendent of Schools, requesting that the ".....Town form a School Building Committee to continue developing a plan to meet the Board of Education Educational Specifications for Salem School."

The names of the Facilities Subcommittee members were listed in the letter.

D. Kung, BOE chairman, stated that the BOE requested that the subcommittee members work with the new Building Committee.

Board discussions:

- A new charge for the Building Committee needs to be drafted.
- The Committee needs to be formed.

The Board's consensus was to think about what should be in the charge and suggestions for members and discuss these matters at the BOS Special Meeting.

**F) P. Sielman - Route 11 Greenway**

P. Sielman, member of the Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission, appeared and:

- Submitted a copy of an article (see attached to the filed copy of these minutes) from the February 27, 2010 edition of The Day in regard to the completion of Route 11 being put on the backburner and the Greenway Commission's problem as to what to do since they have received some funding to begin the engineering phase of a bike and pedestrian path.

The statement made by D. Steward, the Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission chairman, "What we really want to do is build Route 11 or fix Route 85," is not one of the options.

- Discussed the possibility of a toll for Route 11; it would be cheaper for most people instead of taking the alternate routes to avoid the toll.
- Also discussed the possibility of switching over the responsibility of the Greenway Commission to the Department of Environmental Protection.
- Requested to know what the Board of Selectmen's preference was as what he should bring back to the Greenway Commission as Salem's representative.

The Board requested him to see if he could find out if the DEP would like to take the Commission over and what their initial strategy would be.

This matter will be placed on the agenda of the Special Meeting set by the Board this evening.

**G) Recreation Comm. - Staff support**

S. Spang, Recreation Commission chairman, appeared before the Board:

Requested an increase from seven (7) to fifteen (15) hours per week for the Recreation Clerk, D. Weston.

Submitted supporting documentation (see attached to the filed copy of these minutes) for the need for this request.

After Board discussion, the Board took the following action:

M/S/C (Fogarty/Ross) that the Salem Board of Selectmen recommends to the Board of Finance that the Recreation Clerk's hours be increased from seven (7) hours per week to twelve (12) hours per week for the remainder of the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year at the same rate of pay. Vote: approved unanimously.

**H) Resolution for JAG Local Pass Through Grant**

M/S/C (Ross/Fogarty): Resolution authorizing the First Selectman, Kevin T. Lyden, to negotiate and execute all necessary Agreement/Contract documents on behalf of the Town of Salem with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut and to affix the corporate seal. Vote: approved unanimously.

**I) Tax Collector Refunds**

M/S/C (Ross/Fogarty) to authorize the Town Treasurer to issue refunds as recommended and certified by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$6307.37 to those indicated on the *Town of Salem Summary of Tax Collector Refunds, Date 3/02/10* attached to the filed copy of these minutes. Vote: approved unanimously.

**J) Other Business**

There was no *Other Business* this evening.

**5) REPORTS:**

A) **First Selectman** - K. Lyden: The Grand List is up ~\$300,000; department budgets are coming in at low or zero increases; TAR is on the state's March bonding agenda; single stream recycling - other towns are receiving \$17/ton for their mixed recyclables; MBR update - Superintendent D. Leake's letter of 3/02/10 received at 4:00 pm this afternoon by email requesting that the Board of Education receive the additional funding of \$65,208 for 2009/2010 and what will be purchased with those funds by the Board (see attached to the filed copy of

these minutes); K. Seery, Resident State Trooper, has submitted reports; a business seminar will be held on March 31, 2010 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

- B) **Public Works** - no report.
- C) **Building Department** - no report.
- D) **Salem School Building Committee** - This item will be removed from the Board of Selectmen agenda until further notice.
- E) **Board of Education** - J. Fogarty: the first person offered the Middle School Principal position declined the offer and James Moran has been hired; the Board of Education has ~\$118,500 in Capital requests.
- F) **Board of Finance** - K. Lyden: the BOF has reviewed Capital and is now hearing and looking into department budgets.
- G) **Planning and Zoning Commission** - approved the site plan for the Recreation Commission's Ten-Year Plan for the Forsyth Road portion of the Gadbois property; four (4) public hearings scheduled for 3/16/10: Renz resubdivision and Special Exception on Hartford Road, Pfanner (Frausini) resubdivision on Music Vale Road, and the continued Kobyluck Special Exception renewal for the excavation (quarry) on Rattlesnake Ledge Road..
- H) **Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** - very slow; just working on their ongoing committees.
- I) **Economic Development Commission** - R. Ross: no report.
- J) **Zoning Board of Appeals** - no report.
- K) **Recreation Commission** - no report.
- L) **Public Safety** - K. Seery, Resident State Trooper, had submitted his reports mentioned under *A) First Selectman* on tonight's *AGENDA*.
- M) **Transfer Station** - no report.
- N) **Library Board** - no report.
- O) **Town Vision Committee** - no report.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no further *PUBLIC COMMENTS*.

7) **FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:**

- BOS YEARLY CALENDAR "TICKLER LIST"
- SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY
- TOWN OFFICE BUILDING COMPUTER NETWORK

M/S/C (Fogarty/McKenney) to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

D. McTigue, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary  
K. Lyden, First Selectman