

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2015
7:00 PM**

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David August
TOWN OF SALEM

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

CALL TO ORDER: K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approval of Minutes

A) M/S/C (Burr/ Lyden) to approve the Board of Selectmen May 5, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved Lyden, Burr, Buckley, Chmielewski Abstaining: Ross

2. Correspondence/Public Comments:

K. Lyden reported on June 6 a Household Hazardous Waste collection will be held at Johnston Middle School in Colchester.

3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

M/S/C (Buckley/ Chmielewski) Addition to agenda: D) Update on Public Safety Committee

Vote: Approved unanimous.

4. Agenda

A) Update on Potential Donation of Land and Building at 397 Old Colchester Rd

K. Lyden informed the Board about the potential of the Town acquiring the parcel at 397 Old Colchester Rd. The owner is willing to give the Town the parcel. The Town would have to pay to have the building demolished; abatement would have to be done and Public Works would do the demo work. The cemetery is also on the parcel. A Town meeting would have to be held for the Town to acquire the land. The issue will be discussed at the July BOS meeting.

B) Review Everbridge

D. Bourdeau discussed the Everbridge Mass Notification system. It is now in place for the Town; residents may sign up for the notifications with Sue Spang and the library has forms. K. Lyden and D. Bourdeau have authority to post notifications for the system. R. Ross stated a protocol should be in place for administering the notifications.

C) Tax Refunds (action item)

M/S/C (Ross/Chmielewski) the Board of Selectman direct the Town Treasurer to issue refunds in the amount of \$527.18 as recommend and certified by the Assistant Tax Collector as presented to the Board of Selectmen on June 2, 2015.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

(see attached)

D) Update on Public Safety Committee

L. Buckley reported the Committee has dealt with specific recommendations that the Public Safety report detailed. There will be another meeting to review what the Committee has discussed so far. L. Buckley stated this is ground work for what the Town will decide on items in the future. A formal report will be presented to the BOS.

5. Reports

A. First Selectman –

K. Lyden reported the Nutmeg grant of \$22, 200.00 has been awarded to the Town for the high fiber network upgrade. It will be connected from the school to Town Hall.

The LED upgrades have made a big difference in the exterior and interior of the Library. GLVFD, SVFC, Town Hall and Public Works will also be done; there are rebates from Eversource for the install of the lighting.

K. Lyden congratulated the graduates for 2015.

B. Public Works – D. Bourdeau reported road repair is started; 120 tons of millings are being stored for future use.

C. Building Department- D. Weston reported one Single Family Residence permit application was submitted; renovation work permits have been issued.

D. Salem School Building Committee- E. Burr reported the Committee is getting close to having the final work completed.

E. Board of Education – E. Chmielewski reported a surplus of funds will be given back to the General Fund. The administration asked the students if French should be offered as a foreign language along with Spanish. The concensus was yes it should be. The administration will offer French if enough sign up. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students will have to complete community service hours in order to graduate. The school is taking with LEARN about the possibility of renting classrooms for the future.

F. Board of Finance- K. Lyden reported the referendum passed. The mill rate is set at 31.7 mills (.6 increase).

G. Planning and Zoning Commission – E. Burr reported P&Z is working on community style living format with reasonability priced homes. K. Lyden stated he has been approached by residents that wish to stay in Salem but want more choices in housing.

H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission – No report.

I. Economic Development Commission- R. Ross reported K. Lyden updated the Commission at the last meeting on different issues in the town.

- J. Zoning Board of Appeals** – K. Lyden reported Attorney Steve Burn attended the meeting.
- K. Recreation Commission** – D. Weston reported summer programs will include music lessons, basketball camp, 10 & under tennis, Performing Arts, and LEGO camp. There will be a Boston and a Newport Lobster Bake bus trips.
- L. Public Safety** – K. Lyden reported Resident State Trooper Kevin Seery will be retiring August 1. Officer Konow will be covering the day shift.
- M. Transfer Station** – Bulky Waste Days took place at the transfer station. There is now a recycle bin for mattresses.
- N. Library Board**- No report.

6. Public Comment- none

7:45 PM – Five minutes recess.

7. Executive Session – GLVFD Legal Issues

MSC (Ross/Burr) to begin Executive Session at 7:50 PM.

Vote: Approved Unanimous.

MSC (Buckley/ Chmielewski) to end Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Adjournment

M/C/S (Buckley/Lyden) to adjourn at 8:16 P.M.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary