

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2013
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Kevin Lyden, Robyn McKenney, Robert Ross

ABSENT: Elbert Burr, Lewis Buckley

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

M/S/C (McKenney/Ross) to approve the Board of Selectmen, March 5, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to approve the Board of Selectmen, March 12, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. Correspondence/Public Comments:

None

3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

Additions to agenda and lettering:

- E. Additional Appropriation of \$25,000.00 for Safety Upgrades to the Tanker**
- G. Tax Collector Refunds.**

M/S/C (Lyden/McKenney) to approve the addition and lettering of agenda items.

Vote: approved unanimous

4. Agenda

A. Schedule Amnesty Day

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to schedule May 18, 19 and 22, 2013 for Amnesty Days at the Salem Landfill.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

B. Letter of Support for Yantic River Greenway

The Board discussed the letter. They would like the Inland/Wetlands Commission to review the documentation on the Greenway before the Board of Selectman will endorse the support for the Greenway.

C. Discuss and Approve Proposed changes to Building Permit Fee Schedule

Discussion took place and the Board would like to see the fees from neighboring towns and more information from the Building Official. They would like the Building Official to attend the next meeting.

D. Discuss Section 12-81c, Municipal Option to exempt certain Motor Vehicles

The Board discussed the waiving of town car tax for modified handicapped vehicles. This would need to be done by Town ordinance and presented at a Town meeting. The board decided the language needs to be very clear for the ordinance; it will be discussed at a future meeting.

E. Additional Appropriation of \$25,000.00 for Safety Upgrades to the Tanker

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to endorse additional appropriation of \$25,000.00 to Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company Department 220 line 5-220-617 Vehicle Maintenance for Safety upgrades to the Tanker.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

F. Tax Collector Refund(s)

M/S/F (Ross/Burr) for the Board of Selectmen to direct the town Treasurer to issue refunds recommended and certified by the Tax Collector as presented to the Board of Selectmen on April 2, 2013 in the amount of \$490.90.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

(See attached)

5. Reports

A. First Selectman –

The public hearing on the budget will be on April 10, 2013; 7:00PM at Salem School. The proposed budget will be on website for residents to review.

The debris removal on the Zemko property is in progress. The fee for removal of the debris will be paid for by the seller's funds in escrow that is being held on the property purchase.

A "Donate for Life" flag will be flown on the Town green for the month of April.

B. Public Works – The curbing around town damaged from the winter will be fixed.

- C. Building Department-** No report.
- D. Salem School Building Committee-** Work is in progress on the renovations; most of the work will be done during the summer months.
- E. Board of Education** – R. McKenney reported the meeting on Monday April 1 was very well attended due to changes the school administration is making. The principal of the middle school resigned and the interim principal now has the position. The schedule at the school will now be consolidated to one schedule from 8:30AM to 3:30PM. The budget was also discussed.
- F. Board of Finance-** Budget hearing is on April 10th. Residents can add their comments and concerns. There is one more opportunity to adjust the budget before it will go to the Town meeting. The BOF cannot be adjusted up; it can only be adjusted down at the town meeting.
- G. Planning and Zoning Commission** – The P&Z Commission was invited to meet Richard Serra who will be the Town Planner for six months.
- H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** – Eric Belt will be the Inland/Wetlands enforcement officer.
- I. Economic Development Commission-** R. Ross informed the Board there are new members on the Commission; there will be an article in the newspaper about Salem and future plans for economic development.
- J. Zoning Board of Appeals** – No report.
- K. Recreation Commission** – Summer programs are being planned. Two bus trips will be offered; May 11 will be New York City and May 19 will be the Bronx Zoo. There will be a Red Sox/Yankee game at Fenway Park offered in August. After school programs will also be offered. Please go to salemct.gov for more information.
- L. Public Safety-** No report.
- M. Transfer Station** – K. Lyden stated the environmental engineer testing for the transfer station was good and that Gary Alligood has been doing an excellent job.
- N. Library Board-** No report.

6. Public Comment

R. Ross reminded residents the Unsung Hero Awards Banquet will be Sunday April 7 at the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire House starting at 1:00PM.

7. Future Action Items

Adjournment

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to adjourn at 7:50 P.M.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary

UNAPPROVED