

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

**1. AGENDA**

**A) Review Health Care District Proposal**

Cindy Holle explained that she is working on a community health project for school. She handed out a presentation to the Selectmen and spoke of the benefits for the residents of Salem if the Town were in a health district.

K. Lyden explained about the different health districts in the area (Uncas, Ledgelight and Chatham). He recommends Uncas and feels it is the best fit for the Town. The system that is in place now is not working when there is an event (i.e.: hurricane) that would close businesses and enable them to reopen.

R. Ross questioned response time, availability, fee schedules, if residents would be served here at Town Hall, staffing, and how it would affect employees already employed with the Town.

E. Chmielewski questioned inspections, scheduling, wells and pools.

L. Buckley if more service is required, is it an added expense?

E. Burr stated joining a health district is the correct course of action.

**M/S/C (Burr/Ross) for Kevin Lyden, First Selectman set a public hearing and/or town meeting to join the Uncas Health Care District.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**B) Review and Act on 2014/2015 Budget**

Department 100 Selectman's Budget: Decreased due to Emergency Service.

Department 105 Salaries: overall decrease due to and Planner salary moved to Regional Services and Sanitarian moved to Health District.

K. Lyden proposed an increase for the Library Salaries.

Discussion took place on the amount of the First Selectman's salary.

L. Buckley and R. Ross stated they would like to see the salary increased to attract residents to the position.

K. Lyden disagreed and stated it is set for 2 years per the BOF.

Department 126 Town Council – Increase due to pending legal issues.

Department 134 Town Office Operation – increased.

Department 135 Insurance – increased.

Department 138 – decreased.

Department 140 Utilities – No change.

Department 152 Town Services – increased due Health Services.  
Discussion took place on the transportation for the Salem Seniors.

Department 157 Regional Services – increase due to Planner status; transferred to this department from Department 105.

Department 310 Public Works – decrease. Discussion took place on the repairs to the vehicles due to the salt used on the roads.

Department 410 Transfer Station – overall decrease. There is an increase due to contract for Management.

Department 710 Municipal Insurance – increased due to insurance for underground fuel tank.

Department 810 -no change.

**M/S/C (Buckley/Chmielewski) The Board of Selectmen endorses the 2013-2014 proposed budget as presented on February 19, 2014 in the total amount of \$2,470,617 for Departments 100, 105, 126, 134, 135, 138, 140, 152, 157, 310, 410, 710 and 810.**

**Vote: approved unanimous.**

### **C) Set Public Hearing and Town Meeting for Health Care District**

See Agenda Item A) Review Health Care District Proposal

K. Lyden will set the public hearing with Town Att. John Butts. It will be posted on the Town website and possibly televised.

### **6) PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Forgarty stated he would like a comparison of services for the Health District at the public hearing.

### **7) ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to adjourn at 7:47 P.M.**

**Vote: Approved Unanimous**

**Respectfully Submitted  
Diane Weston  
Recording Secretary**