

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2013
6:30 PM**

PRESENT: Kevin Lyden, Robyn McKenney, Elbert Burr, Robert Ross, Lewis Buckley

CALL TO ORDER: K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

K. Lyden moved the order of agenda items.

1. Capital Requests

K. Lyden explained the review of the 10 year Capitol Plan and the Board of Finance request that the Board of Selectman review the plan.

Line item #6 Salem Town House/Center School amount \$60,000.00 will be moved to the fiscal year of 2014/2015.

Salem Volunteer Fire Company requested \$17730.00 for gear replacement and \$8,475.00 for Tanker and Forestry maintenance.

M/S/C (Lyden/Buckley) that the Board of Selectman favorably endorse \$17730.00 for gear replacement.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) that the Board of Selectman favorably endorse the Tanker/Forestry upgrade for the amount of \$8,475.00.

Line Item #31 SVFCO Replace 1985/Tanker Upgrade for the amount of \$8,475.00.

Line Item #12 SVFCO/GLVFC Gear/Hose for the amount of \$17,730.00.

Line Item #24 PW Dump Trucks for 160,000.00 will be moved to Fiscal Year 14/15.

Line Item #25 Laser Fiche Document Storage for \$19500.00 will be moved to Fiscal Year 14/15.

The Recreation Commission is requesting \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00 for a playscape for the Fiscal Year 14/15.

M/S/C (McKenney/Burr) to favorably endorse the request of the Salem Recreation Commission to allocate funds for a playscape for the fiscal year of 14/15 as requested by Susan Spang on January 15, 2013.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

****See attachment.****

The removal and replacement of steel diesel tanks will not be added to the Capital at this time.

Discussion took place the request from the BOS for more information from the December Regular Meeting on the fire departments: mutual aid calls, equipment, volunteer man power, structure fires, etc.

Also documents were included on the tanker that Gardner Lake is requesting replacement on: age and condition of current tanker, mileage, etc. The capital request for the new tanker was reviewed along with the upgrades that can be done to the current truck.

The brake pans were replaced on the truck in December 2012 for under \$900.00.

The maintenance of the truck was discussed; inspections have been completed as needed.

Discussion took place concerning the tankers between both fire companies and if there is a need for Salem to have two tankers.

L. Buckley stated with the upgrades to the existing truck, this would be the fiscal responsible thing to do at this point in time.

R. McKenney stated safety is always first; she feels the long term question is should the fleet have two tankers considering surrounding towns only have one and have the use of mutual aid.

R. Ross stated the safety upgrades should be done now and an assessment should be done if there is a need for two tankers in town. The structure of the fire houses and equipment should also be accessed.

Chief Maiorano stated the town of Montville is investigating another tanker for their town; Salem Volunteer feels there should be two tankers in Salem. He also stated the Board of Finance should be structured different for purchases.

E. Burr stated he felt the town is very fortunate to have two tanker trucks. He complimented the Chiefs for maintaining the trucks so efficiently. He stated the tanker should have the upgrades done for now; and it should be researched as to the need and expense of a new tanker in the future.

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to endorse the safety upgrades to the Gardner Lake Fire Company tanker for \$25,000.00 for fiscal year 13/14. Vote: Approved unanimously.

Chief Savalle stated the truck is a Class A pumper; he asked the record show if the BOS is stating no for the purchase of a new truck. And if it is yes for the safety upgrades on the existing truck.

R. Ross stated the BOS does not have the authority to say yes or no to requests; they can only endorse requests to the BOF.

Chief Savalle submitted requests for bay floor refinishing and boiler/furnace replacement. He explained the furnace is down and not operating correctly. Work has been done to try to keep it operating now. He requested a new system be installed.

K. Lyden stated the furnace situation sounds like an emergency repair. He informed the BOS that the town does not own the Gardner Lake Fire Company. He would not recommend the refinishing of the bay floor; he did think the BOS should endorse the boiler for \$14,200.00 for Capital.

**M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to endorse \$14,200.00 for the boiler in the Capital plan for fiscal year 13/14.
Vote: Approved unanimously.**

Chief Savalle asked if the funds could be used from his budget to cover the expense if the boiler needs to be placed now.

K. Lyden suggested he should attend the BOF meeting to ask for the appropriate funds for the boiler.

****See attachments for fire house information.****

2. Village Center Zone Draft Comments To P&Z

The draft was discussed; R. Ross stated the word “existing” should be changed.

Karen Buckley stated if you change a word, it would change the meaning of the context of the document.

The discussion of the Village Center Zone was tabled until the February 5, 2013 Regular Meeting.

3. Health District

Patrick McCormack, Director of Health from the Uncas Health District gave a presentation to the BOS. He explained how the district would work for the Town of Salem: inspections, food service licenses; certified food handling, office staff, fees, and grants. Their office is open Monday thru Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

K. Lyden stated this was an introductory meeting. He wanted the BOS to hear the presentation.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the Health District. More information will be researched concerning a Health District for Salem.

**M/S/C (Buckley/Burr) to adjourn at 8:53 P.M.
Vote: Approved Unanimous**

**Respectfully Submitted
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary**