

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2013  
7:30 PM**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K. Lyden wished all residents a safe and Happy New Year from the Board of Selectmen.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the Board of Selectmen, December 4, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**2. Correspondence/Public Comments:**

None

**3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:**

None

**4. Agenda**

**A. Reappoint Roger Phillips to the Inland Wetland and Conservation Commission**

**M/S/C (Burr/Ross) to reappoint Roger Phillips to the Inland Wetland and Conservation Commission.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**B. Motion for Zemko Property Approval**

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) as approved by the December 5, 2012 referendum, the First Selectman is authorized to purchase, on behalf of the Town of Salem, the Zemko property and the Board of Finance is requested to appropriate \$450,000.00 for this purchase.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**C. Set Special Meeting Date to discuss:**

- 1. Village Center Zone Draft Comments to P & Z**
- 2. Health District**
- 3. Capital Requests**

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to hold a Special Meeting on January 22, 2013; 6:30 PM, Salem Town Hall to discuss 1. Village Center Zone Draft Comments to P & Z; 2. Health District and 3. Capital Requests.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**D. Tax Collector Refunds**

**M/S/C (Ross/Buckley) 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 December 8, 2013 in the amount of \$6,579.25.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

(see attached)

**5. Reports**

- A. First Selectman** – The Salem Health Mart had a grand opening on January 5, 2013. Dave Burnett and his son have repurchased Salem Country Gardens. Friday January 11 at 6:00 PM the Gardner Lake Fire Company will christen the new Town of Salem ambulance. The public is invited to attend. K. Lyden stated the safety of students is a high priority for the Town. The BOE has a safety plan in place for students.
- B. Public Works** – Don Bourdeau stated he hopes the weather stays as nice as it has been.
- C. Building Department-** None
- D. Salem School Building Committee-** E. Burr reported the abatement is proceeding.
- E. Board of Education** – R. McKenney reported Norwich Free Academy made a presentation to the BOE. An overview of the budget has begun with a 5.8% increase at this point. The abatement work will be done on the weekends only.
- F. Board of Finance-** K. Lyden stated it is budget season and all meetings are open to the public. He encouraged residents to attend if they are concerned about budgets.
- G. Planning and Zoning Commission** – Richard Amato has been appointed Chairperson for P & Z. The Village Town Center is still under review.

**H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** – No report.

**I. Economic Development Commission**- No report.

**J. Zoning Board of Appeals** – No report.

**K. Recreation Commission** – D. Weston reported after school programs are being worked on and the planning for summer programs will start.

**L. Public Safety**- No report.

**M. Transfer Station** – The new compactor has been installed.

**N. Library Board**- L. Buckley reported the heat is being fixed; the library was closed 3 days due to the hurricane; the annual report has been submitted to the state; the “Cans for Library Fines” was held; the library held programs for their anniversary; knitting projects are for sale at the library; job descriptions are being worked on as well as performance reviews; a new position in the children’s area is being discussed.

R. McKenney attended a meeting with the library staff to review the computers. A plan will be in place to replace 4 computers per year.

The income from the book sale was down from last year.

K. Lyden stated the BOS approves the salaries for the library staff.

## **6. Public Comment**

E.Burr stated the public work crew did a great job during the snow storm.

## **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**