

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 1, 2014
7:00 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER: K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Ross/Buckley) to approve the Board of Selectmen June 3, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. Correspondence/Public Comments:

K. Lyden informed the Board the BOE is rescinding their request for an additional appropriation of \$60, 000.00 for the 2013/2014 fiscal year due to unanticipated savings from East Lyme High School tuition bill and out of district placement of students. The Town will receive \$72,000 from ECS funds.

3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

None

4. Agenda

A) Update Selectmen on General Obligation Bonds

The General Obligation Bond has been completed for \$4.5 million at 2.667336% for 15 years. K. Lyden reported the town is rated good (A.3); and also the town is required to take the low bid.

B) Appoint Jim Fogarty as Salem's Representative to the South Eastern Conn. Water Authority (SCWA)

M/S/C (Lyden/ Chmielewski) to appoint Jim Fogarty as Salem's Representative to the South Eastern Conn. Water Authority

Vote: Approved Unanimously

C) Update on Mobile Food Pantry

K. Lyden reported the United Way Mobile Food Pantry will be in Salem from 5:00 to 6:00pm on Wednesday August 6. They will be set up at the parking lot next to Salem School. Produce, milk, eggs and meat will be available from the pantry. Salem and neighboring town residents may use the pantry. The Pantry will be in Salem the first Wednesday of the month.

D) Tax Collector Refunds

M/S/C (Ross/ Chmielewski) the BOS direct the Town Treasurer to issue refunds in the amount of \$2,2017.29 as recommend and certified by the Tax Collector to the Board of Selectmen on July 1, 2014. Vote: Approved unanimous.

5. Reports

A. First Selectman – K. Lyden reported:

June was licensing for dogs in Salem.

Tax bills have been sent out by a service. It will save on postage and staff time to stuff the envelopes.

CPA Cheryl Miller is helping with the fiscal year end paperwork.

Enjoy the summer months but be safe. Medical calls have increased in Salem.

B. Public Works – Work is being done on the Zemko property; trees have been cut down from CL&P due to the wires. The tree stumps have been removed.

C. Building Department- New home construction is underway.

D. Salem School Building Committee- E. Burr reported the project is winding down. There will be eight or nine additional projects that fit into the repair program of the school that will add on to the project.

E. Board of Education – E. Chmielewski stated as reported by K. Lyden, the BOE will not request extra funding of \$60,000.00. New laws are in effect for the educational process; the laws are under review by the school administration. The bi-yearly coop meeting has been postponed. Public outreach will be worked. K. Lyden asked if the BOE is going to move their meetings to Town Hall so they can be televised. E. Chmielewski will ask the BOE.

F. Board of Finance- K. Lyden reported the accounting firm of O'Conner Davies is working on the 2013/2014 audit.

G. Planning and Zoning Commission – E. Burr reported the monthly meeting was short in June. Approval of a subdivision was made for a 3 family house.

H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission – No report.

I. Economic Development Commission- R. Ross reported Richard Serra, the Town Planner from SCCOG, met with the Commission. The Vintage Market had a good turn out with forty-two vendors and Salem volunteers for the event.

J. Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.

K. Recreation Commission – D. Weston reported the summer programs are underway. Bus trips are listed on the Town website: www.salemct.gov.

L. Public Safety – No report.

M. Transfer Station – K. Lyden reported more signs have been installed and the compactor is now covered. There is no dumping into the compactor for safety reasons. DEEP has given good reports for the Transfer Station. The quarterly testing for the water is required.

N. Library Board- L. Buckley reported negotiations are underway for the new head librarian. August 1st will be the start date for Rachael Geither. She has 14-15 years' experience with a Masters in Library Sciences and Business. The Board is working on a job description for the Head Librarian. Elections were held for the Board: Carl Narowki is president, Carol Traggis vice president, George Ziegler treasurer and Martha Giegel is secretary. The library will be closed this Thursday for cleaning. The results of the survey will be posted on the Town website. A "people counter" will be installed; it is a requirement from the State Library Board to have a count of people in the library. The Salem Lions and the Town will purchase the equipment.

6. Public Comment-

Bill Weinschenker addressed the Board concerning the General Obligation Bond.

Adjournment

M/C/S (Burr/Chmielewski) to adjourn at 7:43 P.M.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

**Respectfully Submitted
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary**