

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

K. Lyden reminded residents that the Town Referendum for the 2013/2014 budget is Wednesday May 8.

K. Lyden presented Chief James Savalle with a "Heart Safe" award.

1. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (McKenney/Buckley) to approve the Board of Selectmen, April 2, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. Correspondence/Public Comments:

None

3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

K. Lyden proposed the re-lettering of agenda items:

A. Emergency Responders Incentives

B. Recommend to the Board of Finance \$4,000 insurance reimbursement be appropriated to the Rec. Comm. for Storm Sandy damages.

C. Building Department Proposed Fee Schedule

D. Tax Collector Refunds

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the re-lettering of agenda items.

Vote: approved unanimous

4. Agenda

A. Emergency Responders Incentives

M/S/C (Buckley/Ross) to approve the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company and Salem Volunteer Fire Company list of Emergency Responders Incentives as submitted to the Board of Selectman on May 7, 2013.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

(see attached)

R. Ross stated he wanted to be sure the volunteer from Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company receives the tax abatement due to the absence for her Military time. The BOS was in agreement the tax abatement will be given.

Chief Savalle informed the BOS a fundraiser dinner will be on May 26 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm for Ray Snarski.

B. Recommend to the Board of Finance \$4,000 insurance reimbursement be appropriated to the Rec. Comm. for Storm Sandy damages.

M/S/C (Buckley/Ross) recommend to the Board of Finance appropriation in the amount of \$4,000 to Department 5-645-645, Recreation Commission maintenance line for insurance reimbursement for batting cage fence.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

C. Building Department Proposed Fee Schedule

Vernon Vesey II, Building Official presented the BOS with data from surrounding towns concerning Building Department Fees. Discussion took place concerning the construction, assessor and building values. Mr. Vesey explained about the time it takes for inspections and re-inspections.

R. Ross stated if this was the right time to increase fees.

R. McKenney stated the change should be addressed now; it is not a big impact instead of waiting to do it at a later time and the increase would be more significant.

L. Buckley stated he would like to see lower increase now instead of having a higher increase later.

E. Burr questioned as to where the increase would put Salem on the chart of towns; V. Vesey stated Salem would still be in the lower mid-range.

M/S/C (Buckley/Burr) to accept the Building Department Fee increase outlined in the correspondence dated March 11, 2013 by Vernon Vesey II, Building Official; as presented to the Board of Selectmen on May 7, 2013; fees to be effective July 1, 2013.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

(see attached)

D. 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 May 7, 2013 in the amount of \$648.76.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

(See attached)

5. Reports

A. First Selectman –

The Farmer's Market will begin on Thursday June 27 and run for 10 weeks. It will open at 4:00pm and close at 7:00pm. There will be an activity each week.

The Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday May 27. The VFW is in charge of the parade.

Burnett's Country Gardens had an official opening on Saturday. The First Selectman saw his longtime friend and Salem Volunteer Fire Company member Al Woldarczyk at Burnett's. Al said it was busy all day long.

There were two fundraisers in Salem over the weekend.

The staff at Town Hall is gathering information for a full disclosure concerning the bond anticipation notes for the school construction funding. A member's equity check for \$5624.00 will be received by CIRMA our insurance carrier.

Debris has been removed from the Zemko property; the expense for this was funded by the seller's escrow funds.

B. Public Works – The crew has been working of the baseball fields in preparation for opening day.

C. Building Department- No report.

D. Salem School Building Committee- E. Burr reported the 40's work is coming to a close; the remainder of the work will be completed during the summer break.

E. Board of Education – R. McKenney reported East Lyme High School did their presentation; Norwich Free Academy has already completed their presentation. R. McKenney informed the BOS of the ranking for East Lyme High School for state and national. There is 7 years left on the high school contract with East Lyme.

F. Board of Finance- The referendum on the budget is May 8, 6:00am to 8:00pm.

G. Planning and Zoning Commission – E. Burr reported the POCD components are being reviewed; training classes for members have taken place.

H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission – No report.

- I. Economic Development Commission-** R. Ross informed the Board a brochure is being worked on for available commercial space in Salem; it will include a map of attractions.
- 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. Please go to salemct.gov for more information.
- L. Public Safety-** No report.
- M. Transfer Station** – The old compacter has been wired for reuse to begin to compact our recyclables.
- N. Library Board-** L. Buckley reported circulation is down, computer usage data is being complied, library grants are being researched and a survey will be done in September.

6. Public Comment

7. Future Action Items

Adjournment

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

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary