

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2012  
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.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to approve the Board of Selectmen, October 2, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**M/S/C (Burr/McKenney) to approve the Board of Selectmen, November 6, 2012, Special Meeting Minutes as presented.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**2. Correspondence/Public Comments:**

Correspondence – None to report.

Public Comment – Resident Peter Sielman addressed the Board with concerns on his observations of the storm response. (See attached)

Donald Bourdeau responded to Mr. Sielman's concerns. He stated the response was much better by CL&P for this storm. The crew's first work to ensure the public is safe. Salem's power comes from different locations and substations; therefore they have to be operating before the power can be restored to Salem.

R. McKenney made a public thank you to everyone that worked during the storm.

K. Lyden stated how Public Works, Emergency Responders, and the Town Hall crew did an excellent job during the storm. He discussed the process that was taken for the assignment of the town crew and the CL&P workers.

### 3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

K. Lyden proposed the following changes to the agenda:

Remove:

- B. Pumper Truck request – Gardner Lake Fire Company
- C. Tax Collector Refund(s) becomes B.

**M/S/C (Buckley/Burr) to approve the revision of Agenda items. Vote: Approved unanimous.**

### 4. Agenda

#### A. Village Center Zone Draft Presentation – Karen Buckley, Planning and Zoning

Karen Buckley, Chairperson for Planning and Zoning, presented a guideline of the proposed Zoning regulations to the Board. She then discussed the guideline referring to the draft of the Salem Village Zoning regulations.  
(See attached.)

The BOS will submit written feedback to Karen Buckley or Mary Ann Chinatti within two weeks.

#### B. Tax Collector Refund(s)

**M/S/C (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 November 13, 2012 in the amount of \$874.13.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**  
(See attached)

### 5. Reports

#### A. First Selectman –

K. Lyden thanked the Emergency Responders and the Town Hall staff. Town Hall remained open during the storm for residents to find out information, and the fire houses were open for showers on the second or third day. On Wednesday October 31, water was delivered along with the MRE's. Supplies that were not needed here were sent to Montville. There was little property damage in town and no one was hurt.

The storm expense to the Town was \$45,000.00, FEMA will reimburse 75%.

K. Lyden reminded residents to register for updates on the Salem Town website: [www.salemct.gov](http://www.salemct.gov).

R. McKenney suggested a computer right at town hall to have people sign up for the website.

The parking lot, curbing and installation of the flag pole at Town Hall are complete.

Millennium Construction was the chosen as contractor for the Salem School renovation.

- B. Public Works** – Rattlesnake Ledge Road is complete. Public Works is getting ready for the winter season.
- C. Building Department**- Diane Weston reported generator permits are starting and the Salem Health Mart has a Certificate of Occupancy.
- D. Salem School Building Committee**- E. Burr reported abatement work will begin in the 1940's addition. The work will be completed during evening hours November 8 thru November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- E. Board of Education** – Mike Souse from East Lyme High School reported at the BOE meeting Salem/East Lyme students did very well in the SAT and CAP testing. Salem students are prepared when they enter the high school; especially in the math area.  
Letters concerning the Salem School renovation will be posted on the school website.  
The new playground will be installed this weekend. Volunteers are needed for Friday and Saturday.
- F. Board of Finance**- The Board of Finance is looking at growth for next year within the budgets. The asking price for the Zemko property purchase is \$450,000.00. November 28, 2012 is a Town meeting to vote for the purchase to go to Town referendum.
- G. Planning and Zoning Commission** – E. Burr reported the Commission has been hard at work on the Salem Village Zone.
- 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 the Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday December 1, 2012 starting at 4:00pm. AARP Driver Safety will be held on Monday November 19 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Salem Volunteer Fire Company. A "Day on Your Own" NYC bus trip will be held on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>, the bus will leave from the Norwich Commuter lot.
- L. Public Safety**- No report.
- M. Transfer Station** – The compactor has been delivered.
- N. Library Board**- L. Buckley reported book sale was a success. Job descriptions are being worked on for the head and assistant librarian. Performance reviews are being conducted. The library report for the State will be done this month.

**6. Public Comment**

None

**7. Future Action Items**

**Adjournment**

**M/S/C (McKenney/Buckley) to adjourn at 8:21 P.M.**

**Vote: Approved Unanimous**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Diane Weston**

**Recording Secretary**

UNAPPROVED