

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2013
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Kevin Lyden, Elbert Burr, Lewis Buckley

ABSENT: Robert Ross, Robyn McKenney

CALL TO ORDER: K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Buckley/Burr) to approve the Board of Selectmen, October 1, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved Unanimous.

2. Correspondence/Public Comments:

K. Lyden informed the Board the Town Clerk announced the re-canvass of the Municipal Election will be held tomorrow Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. according to the State Statute 9.311.

Chief James Savalle asked the Board if he should proceed with his budget for 2014 due to the safety study that is to be done concerning the two Town fire departments. The GLVFC has several new members and will be requesting gear. K. Lyden informed Chief Savalle to proceed with his budget.

3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

None

4. Agenda

A. Resolution to adopt Health Reimbursement Arrangements

M/S/C (Buckley/Burr) to endorse the resolution to adopt the Health Reimbursement Arrangements.

Vote: Approved Unanimous.

K. Lyden explained the updated agreement and summary plan that would be a cost savings to the Town. He explained medical changes for deductibles for Town employees and union EMT/Firefighters.

L. Buckley asked for clarification on the payment from the Town towards deductibles.

K. Lyden explained how deductibles have increased.

B. Authorize the First Selectman to File for a Community Development Block Grant

M/S/C (Buckley/Burr) to authorize the First Selectman to file for a Community Development Block Grant.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

This grant would enable residents to apply for a loan from the State for improvements to their property. L. Buckley asked if there is a matching fund requirement from the Town; K. Lyden stated no there is not.

C. 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 in the amount of \$1,676.83 as presented to the Board of Selectmen on November 12, 2013.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

(See attached)

5. Reports

A. First Selectman –

K. Lyden thanked residents that ran for an office for the Town. There will an Oath of Office ceremony on Thursday November 14, 2013 at 5:00 P.M. at Town Hall.

K. Lyden thanked Robyn McKenney for her years of service on the Board of Selectman for 8 years and for previously on the Board of Education. She will stay on the Technology Committee for Salem School.

B. Public Works –Paving will be done on Lake View Road and Old Colchester Road.

C. Building Department- Permits have been issued for three new houses in Salem.

D. Salem School Building Committee- E. Burr reported that the project is ending; the punch list is being worked on and a summarization of the budget is being completed.

E. Board of Education – No report.

F. Board of Finance- William Weinschenker is retiring from the BOF.

G. Planning and Zoning Commission – E. Burr reported the Village Zone public hearing was in October. The new commission will continue to work on the Village Zone.

H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission – No report

I. Economic Development Commission- K. Lyden reported the EDC will begin work again in the beginning of next year. He addressed the vacant stores in town and would like to see a task list to achieve the goal of filling the stores. He would like to see a brochure update.

J. Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.

K. Recreation Commission – The Holiday Tree Lighting will be held the first weekend in December. Please go to salemct.gov for more information.

L. Public Safety - The 911 dispatch has been relocated to Tolland.

M. Transfer Station – The oil tank project is almost completed.

N. Library Board- No Report.

6. Public Comment- None

Adjournment

M/C (Burr) to adjourn at 7:31 P.M.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary

UNAPPROVED