

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013  
7:00 PM**

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

**ABSENT:** Lewis Buckley

**CALL TO ORDER:** K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**M/S/C (McKenney/Burr) to approve the Board of Selectmen, August 6, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.**

**Vote: Approved Unanimous.**

Page 2 5. Reports A. Selectman:

K. Lyden met with the State of Connecticut for road spot safety program for three locations in Salem on Route 85. The locations would be in front of *Academi* (widen road, take out rock cropping); Salem Country Gardens (widen road, bypass on one side); and Skyline Drive (poor sight lines, remove bank, trees trimmed and drainage). The expense of the work would be approximately \$2.2 million; engineering will be done in 2015 and work would start in 2016.

**2. Correspondence/Public Comments:**

None

**3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:**

**M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to approve the additions and re-lettering of agenda items as follows:**

- A. Homeland Security Grant Resolution**
- B. Additional Appropriation for Fire Hose**
- C. Additional Appropriation for Gardner Lake Fire Company to Repair the Pump on Tanker 127**
- D. Tax Collector Refunds**
- E. Set Amnesty Dates**

**Vote: approved unanimous**

**4. Agenda**

**A. Homeland Security Grant Resolution**

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the Homeland Security Grant Resolution.**

**Vote: Approved Unanimous.**

(See attached.)

## **B. Additional Appropriation for Fire Hose**

Chief Eugene Maiorano from Salem Volunteer Fire Company explained to the BOS on the hose replacement for SVFC and Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company. The rubber hose has failed during the annual testing. The expense of replacing the failed hose is \$11,947.00 which was not in the budget for 2013/2014.

As of February 2013 the NFPA Code states all hoses over 25 years old has to be replaced. Chief Maiorano stated there is some hose that will need to be replaced soon because of this ruling. He will discuss with the BOF if they want to replace it now for an additional price of \$5445.00.

E.Burr asked how the hose is stored on the trucks. Chief Maiorano said the hose is laid and folded down.

The hose that will be ordered has a warranty of 10 years.

Discussion took place on the amount that would be presented to the BOF. Chief Maiorano said he will inform the BOF of the additional amount of \$5,445.00 that will be required in the future. He will let the BOF decide if they want to replace the additional hose now or wait until it is due to be changed because of its' age. K. Lyden stated he would like the amount in the motion be what was presented before the BOS tonight.

**M/S/C (Ross/McKenny) to approve additional appropriation for replacement hose in the amount of \$11,947.00.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

Chief Maiorano informed the BOS he is having a problem with the insurance company concerning non-destructive ladder test on the ladder truck. This is required every five years and the expense is \$2700.00. The truck is a 2008, but was not put into service until 2009. Chief Maiorano is telling the insurance company the test is not due yet. The insurance company stated they would accept the ladder testing in April; Chief Maiorano wants to have the test done in July when the rest of the ladders are tested. He has requested speaking to the underwriters and in writing from the insurance company. He also informed the BOS the generator truck failed but research will be done to see if it is covered by the warranty.

## **C. Additional Appropriation for Gardner Lake Fire Company to Repair the Pump on Tanker 127**

Chief James Savalle from Gardner Lake Fire Company stated that during annual pump testing, the pump failed on Tanker 127. Parts to fix the pump were located in Florida which took Shipman's several weeks to find. The expense of fixing the pump will be \$15,723.00. The BOS each had an expense sheet for fixing the pump to review.

Chief Savalle asked the BOS if the funds for the parts can be taken from his budget now instead of waiting another 16 days until the BOF meeting. He would like to order the parts so Shipman's can get started on fixing the pump.

K. Lyden stated "Yes", Chief Savalle could order the parts from his budget; the only risk would be is if the BOF did not approve the additional appropriation. K. Lyden stated he cannot go over his allotted budget from the Town. However, he can go over on a line item as long as the total amount did not go over the total amount for the budget.

E.Burr asked if a different style pump could be installed in the truck.

Chief Savalle stated the manufacturers of the trucks will not certify their trucks if an install are done in front of the radiator that pivots; it affects the cooling of the truck. There are no pumps available.

E.Burr asked there is any assurance if parts are replaced into the pump it won't happen again in five years.

Chief Savalle stated this is the first time in 25 years this problem has occurred. There is no assurance this will not happen again.

R. Ross asked if the parts were all new. He questioned the \$250.00 charge for pump test.

**M/S/C (Lyden/Ross) to approve the additional appropriation of \$15,723.00 for Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company for repair to the pump on Tanker 127.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

R. McKenny expressed concern about the BOS approving Chief Savalle to take the funds from his budget for buying of the parts.

K. Lyden commented he felt the appropriation was a good idea.

R. Ross stated the BOS is acting on the appropriation; it is Chief Savalle discretion to use the funds from his budget.

#### **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 August 6, 2013 in the amount of \$2,104.76.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

#### **E. Set Amnesty Dates**

**M/S/C (Ross/McKenny) to schedule October 19, 20 and 23, 2013 for Amnesty Days at the Salem Landfill.**

**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

### **5. Reports**

#### **A. First Selectman –**

The Map Express Internet GIS application will be available on [www.salemct.gov](http://www.salemct.gov) within the next few weeks. It will benefit Wetlands, Planning, Zoning, and Assessor's departments. Users will be able to pan, zoom, search for addresses, check assessor property cards, tax maps sheet, etc. This will make information more accessible and user friendly.

A FEMA program "New Recovery Basics" will be hosted in Salem on September 10, 2013.

The prescription drug program "Pro Act" resulted in \$3,000.00 in July for savings to Salem residents.

The annual audit team has been at Town Hall; Cheryl Miller did a good job for preparing Salem for the audit. Approximately \$185,000.00 will be refunded to the General Fund from 2012/2013 budget.

**B. Public Works –** Drainage work is being done on Old Colchester and Lake View Roads. Repaving will be done to both roads. Tree trimming is taking place.

**C. Building Department-** Permits are being issued for renovation work.

**D. Salem School Building Committee-** E. Burr reported school opened on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A punch list for work will be started. Approximately \$500,000 has been reimbursed to Salem from the State on the project so far.

K. Lyden thanked E. Burr for the time he has put into the project.

**E. Board of Education** – No report.

**F. Board of Finance**- No report.

**G. Planning and Zoning Commission** – E. Burr reported a presentation from Planner Richard Serra was given on the Village Center zone. Richard has refocused the commission to look at it sensibly. A map with the proposed zone was included in the presentation which helped the Commission to visualize the zone.

R. Ross suggested other Commissions and Committees might be interested in a presentation by Richard on the 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** – The Red Sox/Yankee game at Fenway Park went well. Other bus trips will be listed on the website. Please go to [salemct.gov](http://salemct.gov) for more information.

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

**M. Transfer Station** – The recycled oil tank has been delivered. It is above grade and will have a new building around it. A slab has been poured.

**N. Library Board**- No Report.

**6. Public Comment**- None

**Adjournment**

**M/C (Burr) to adjourn at 7:39 P.M.**

**Vote: Approved Unanimous**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Diane Weston**

**Recording Secretary**