

Unapproved

TOWN OF SALEM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 1, 2010

Present: R. Asafaylo, J. Fogarty, K. Lyden (First Selectman), R. McKenney, and R. Ross

Guests: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 4, 2010 - REGULAR MEETING

M/S/C (Asafaylo/Ross) to approve the May 4, 2010 Salem Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Vote: approved unanimously.

During discussion of the 5/04/10 minutes, J. Fogarty asked for clarification in regard to the town's \$26,000 match for the SCCOG STP - Urban Program Grant for the sidewalk and safety upgrades for Route 85.

It was the Board's consensus to add this matter to tonight's agenda.

2) CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no *CORRESPONDENCE* this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- G. Maiorano, Salem Volunteer Fire Company chief - Informed the Board of Selectmen that the 1991 Pierce Pumper had a major breakdown; after towing and inspection it was found that it needs a new electronic control module at a cost of \$2,578.95 for both the part and labor. At present he has ~\$4,600 left in his budget with outstanding bills yet to pay. He may be at \$0 by 6/30 or he may need to go to the Board of Finance for a small increase.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

M/S/C (Fogarty/McKenney) that the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Board of Finance to consider favorably a request of \$2,600 for the Salem Volunteer Fire Company for the repair of their 1991 Pierce Pumper. Vote: approved unanimously.

- E. Chmielewski, Salem Republican Town Committee chairman - recommended the Board of Selectmen appoint Elbert Burr to the Regular Member vacancy on the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission. Submitted Mr. Burr's qualifications for the appointment. It was the Board's consensus to add this matter to tonight's agenda.

3) AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS:

The chairman, with the Commission's consent, added the following to this evening's agenda:

- D) "SCCOG STP-URBAN PROGRAM GRANT FOR SIDEWALK AND SAFETY UPGRADE ON ROUTE 85", and
- E) "APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEMBER VACANCY".

4) AGENDA:

A) DCS ENERGY SOLAR SYSTEMS

The First Selectman informed the Board:

DCS Energy of Glastonbury is offering Salem solar systems for certain town-owned buildings, which meet certain specifications.

The company has identified five (5) buildings in Salem that meet the criteria: The Town Office Building, the new Library, the Town Salt Shed, and the Public Works three-bay garage. The Gardner Lake Firehouse also meets their criteria, but they did not know it was not owned by the Town of Salem. They have also identified buildings in Lebanon and Glastonbury and have made this same offer to those towns.

The normal costs of these systems is ~\$81,000 for the larger systems (needed on the GLFH, Library, and Salt Shed) and ~\$41,000 for the smaller ones (needed on the TOB and PW Garage).

The company is offering a five-year lease program for each system and the cost to the town would be nothing; just that the roof on the building must be in good repair. There is no down payment or monthly payments. Parts and labor would cost the town nothing during the five-year lease period. After the lease period is up, the town could buy the systems for \$1.00 each or the company would remove them at no cost.

The life expectancy of the systems is 20 - 25 years. Savings on the larger systems average about \$200/month and the

smaller ones about \$100/month. The town could save 20% on yearly electric expenses on the buildings they have identified.

R. Ross concerns:

- Are there other vendors the town could talk with in regard to these systems?
- What would the profit be for DCS Energy?

K. Lyden:

DCS would receive any energy tax credits offered by the manufacturer, State, or Federal governments, but there could be other profit from advertisement, donation of equipment, etc. He will try to find the answers to these concerns.

M/S/C (Ross/Fogarty) to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a multi-year contract with DCS Energy for the installation of a Solar System on the roofs of the Town Office Building, Town Salt Shed and Three-Bay Public Works Garage. Vote: approved unanimously.

M/S/C (McKenney/Asafaylo) to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a multi-year contract with DCS Energy for the installation of a Solar System on the roof of the New Library contingent upon written concurrence by the Salem Library Board. Vote: approved unanimously.

B) SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY

R. Ross requested that this matter be tabled to next month's agenda, as he did not have time to do much work on a draft.

R. Asafaylo suggested that the name "Special Events" should be removed from the title whether the draft becomes a policy or an ordinance. In essence, the Board just wants to know of events happening in town that could affect public safety.

M/S/C (Ross/Asafaylo) to table this item to the July 6, 2010 Salem Board of Selectmen agenda. Vote: approved unanimously.

C) TAX COLLECTOR REFUNDS

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to authorize the Town Treasurer to issue refunds as recommended and certified by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$652.64 to those indicated on the *Town of Salem Summary of Tax Collection Refund Sheet, Dated 6/1/10* attached to the filed copy of these minutes. Vote: approved unanimously.

D) SCCOG STP-URBAN PROGRAM GRANT FOR SIDEWALK AND SAFETY UPGRADE ON ROUTE 85

After discussion of the town's \$26,000 match for the grant, the Commission took the following action:

M/S/C (Ross/Lyden) that the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Board of Finance that they look favorably upon, in the FY 2010/2011 Budget, the amount of \$26,000 as a town match to a grant application for a SCCOG STP - Urban Program Grant for the sidewalk and safety upgrades for Route 85. Vote: approved unanimously.

E) APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEMBER VACANCY

M/S/W (Asafaylo/Fogarty) that the Board of Selectmen appoint Elbert Burr to the Regular Member vacancy on the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission.

Discussion:

V. Smith, a current PZC Alternate Member, has declined the Regular Member position.

E. Burr has had much zoning experience as a PZC/ZBA member in Weston, CT, as well as holding other town positions in Easton, CT.

K. Lyden:

The PZC had thirty (30) days to fill this Regular Member vacancy. The appointment is now in the BOS hands. The BOS has no time limit.

As a courtesy to the PZC, he feels that the matter should be discussed with the PZC chairman. He would do this for any Board or Commission vacancy that was in the hands of the BOS for appointment.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

It was the Board's decision to take the following action:

M/S/C (Ross/Lyden) to table *APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEMBER VACANCY* to the July 6, 2010 Salem Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting agenda. Vote: approved unanimously.

5) REPORTS:

- A) **FIRST SELECTMAN** - K. Lyden: thanked all who participated in Salem's Memorial Day Parade; Single Stream Recycling begins on 6/02/10 in Salem (there was a mistake in Our Town Salem in regard to styrofoam and styrofoam peanuts - THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED; the State Dept. of Education has notified

the School Superintendent that prior to the new legislation, Salem was in noncompliance with the 09/10 Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) by \$65,208 and now, based on the new legislation, Salem is in compliance with the MBR by \$57,942; specially thanked A. Stillman and E. Jutila for their help with the new legislation; he had spoken with R. Pellerin, 88 Witch Meadow Road, who approached him in regard to the town having better communication with residents (a copy of Mr. Pellerin's letter was distributed to each BOS member); congratulated Marcia Marien, of Marien & Associates, Salem's auditors, on becoming the new president of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants.

- B) **PUBLIC WORKS** - D. Bourdeau, Jr.: met with FEMA; it looks like the town will receive FEMA reimbursement for the work that had to be done to town roads from water damage from the storm.
- C) **BUILDING DEPARTMENT** - no report.
- D) **SALEM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE** - R. Asafaylo: the Committee is meeting this evening to go over what needs to be fixed at the school.
- E) **BOARD OF EDUCATION** - J. Fogarty: no report; the BOE meeting is on 6/14 this month.
- F) **BOARD OF FINANCE** - K. Lyden: the Board has set the mil rate at 24.5.
- G) **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** - no report.
- H) **INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION** - working on a wetlands violation at 566 Hartford Road.
- I) **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** - R. Ross: met again with the DOT regarding the roundabout. E&B Sporting Goods has been sold to US Training Center; grand opening will be in the Fall.
- J) **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** - setback variance approved for the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire House; setback variance denied for 106 Old Colchester Road.
- K) **RECREATION COMMISSION** - no report.
- L) **PUBLIC SAFETY** - no report.
- M) **TRANSFER STATION** - D. Bourdeau, Jr.: all safety improvements have been completed.
- N) **LIBRARY BOARD** - no report.
- O) **TOWN VISION COMMITTEE** - R. Asafaylo: the Committee is working on the first draft of the Vision Statement.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- N. Rabe, 33 Valley Drive - commented on the solar panels and the Special Events Policy discussed this evening; requested the Board find out why the State surveys Route 85 down to Chesterfield every year.
The First Selectman stated that he would ask the DOT.

The Board briefly discussed the
Firemen Rewards Ordinance.

7) FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:

- BOS YEARLY CALENDAR "TICKLER LIST"
- TOWN OFFICE BUILDING COMPUTER NETWORK

M/S/C (Ross/Fogarty) to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

D. McTigue, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
K. Lyden, First Selectman