

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2012
7:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER: K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Burr/Ross) to approve the Board of Selectmen, May 1, 2012, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

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Paragraph 2: **M/S/C (Buckley/McKenney) to authorize virtual participation for the scheduled Town Meeting on May 2, 2012. The meeting will take place even in the event of broadcast or computer equipment failure.**

Page 5 6. Public Comment

Paragraph 1: K. Lyden informed Mr. Alligood to have the *persons* wanting to be a part of the market to submit an application.

Paragraph 2: K. Lyden *described how* a Salem Business would be showcased weekly at the market.

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Remove 1. Town Events Policy

M/S/C (McKenney/Burr) to approve the Board of Selectman, May 10, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the Board of Selectman, May 31, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved unanimous.

2. Correspondence/Public Comments:

Correspondence – None to report.

Public Comment –

Resident Joseph Ploszaj informed the Board of Selectmen on the history of the Salem landfill and how the land on Rattlesnake Ledge Road was purchased by the Town for the purpose of the landfill.

K. Lyden stated this was Public Comment and the Board could only listen to what Mr. Ploszaj had to say. He asked Mr. Ploszaj to meet with John Butts, the Town attorney, to discuss his issue regarding the land. Mr. Ploszaj and Mr. Butts then left the room for further discussion.

Norm Rabe asked why the minutes of May 31 Special Meeting were not posted on the Town of Salem website. K. Lyden informed him that it is not required to be posted on the web site; however, the minutes of a meeting need to be filed with the Town Clerk within seven days of the meeting.

3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

K. Lyden proposed the following additions to the agenda:

Add: B. Alcohol Policy for Town Owned Property

6. A. Executive Session on Transfer Station Operation

M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to approve the addition of Agenda items. Vote: Approved unanimous.

4. Agenda

A. Tax Collector Refunds

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 June 5, 2012 in the amount of \$951.89. Vote: Approved unanimous.

(See attached)

B. Alcohol Policy for Town Owned Property

M/S/C (Buckley/McKenney) to establish a policy for the Town of Salem to read: “Alcohol may not be consumed on property owned by the Town of Salem”.

Vote: Approved. In Favor: R. McKenney, E. Burr, L. Buckley, and K. Lyden

Opposed: R. Ross Abstaining: None

5. Reports

A. First Selectman –

The Salem Farmer's Market will start on June 28, 2012 from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. The market will be held every Thursday until the beginning of October. Opening night will have entertainment.

Flooding damage happened at the Center School over the weekend. The carpeting and cabinets were damaged and will be replaced.

K. Lyden attended the Gold Award Ceremony which is the highest award presented in Girl Scouts. Erin Holle, Victoria Nortz, and Teresa Horan received the award. Their names are on a plaque in the hallway of Town Hall.

K. Lyden wished eighth grade, high school, and college graduating students' success and happiness for their future.

B. Public Works –Work at the pavilion is almost complete. The summer help has started.

C. Building Department- Diane Weston reported permits for renovations, sheds, etc. are being issued. One new house plan is being reviewed.

D. Salem School Building Committee- E. Burr reported the final waivers were sent to the State Construction Committee last week. Once these have been approved, the final approval from the State School Facilities Committee can be received and bidding process can begin. The final approval is very important; any reimbursements for code work that takes place during construction would not be received without this final approval. Plans have been worked out with the school for construction work to start this summer running into the fall; the project will have 3 phases designed to make movement of classes as easy as possible.

E. Board of Education – R. McKenney reported the BOE held its cooperative meeting with East Lyme. The Salem BOE is researching area schools and what they would have to offer Salem students. Six or seven years remain on the contract with East Lyme. The school population is down in both towns.

The technology for the school was discussed at the BOE meeting; the State requires a technology plan.

F. Board of Finance- The BOF did hear a solicitation from the audit firm of Myers & Company (Danbury). The BOF choose to stay with O'Conner Davis for the 2012/2013 finance year as auditors.

G. Planning and Zoning Commission – E. Burr reported the Salem Town Center plan is being reviewed. Steps are being taken for a "village district".

H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission – No report.

I. Economic Development Commission-Progress is taking place on the roundabout. The Zito building at the Four Corners should be ready by August/September.

J. Zoning Board of Appeals – No report. Mike Mullin has been appointed Chairperson. A working meeting was scheduled, but not held due to no quorum.

K. Recreation Commission – D. Weston report summer/fall programs are being lined up. Programs are: Red Cross Babysitting Training; Multi-Sports; Music lessons; Outdoor Floor Hockey; “10 and Under Tennis”; Evening Basketball Summer Camp (grades 5-8); Monday & Wednesday Rec Basketball (grades 5-8); Adult Sunday and Wednesday evening tennis; Ice Cream Fun Run; New York Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox August 19; “Day on Your Own” NYC bus trip with seats available for doing what you want or for the Broadway play, “Spiderman: Turn off the Dark” on September 29. Bus trip to Cooperstown and Narragansett Bay are planned.

L. Public Safety- No report.

M. Transfer Station – A burn permit has been issued for the brush pile.

N. Library Board- The library held a small book sale in mid-May; the large book sale will be held the last weekend in October.

6. Public Comment

Norm Rabe asked about clarification on the alcohol policy.

6.A. Executive Session on Transfer Station Operation

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to begin Executive Session on the Transfer Station Operation at 8:12PM.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

M/S/C (McKenney/Ross) to end Executive Session on the Transfer Station Operation at 9:06PM.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

M/S/C (Buckley/Burr) to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a contract for Municipal Services as follows:

To provide Transfer Station Operations and Support Services for an annual amount to be negotiated by the First Selectman for the three fiscal years from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015, subject to subsequent approval by the Board of Selectmen.

In addition to the terms of the Contract for Municipal Services, Transfer Station Operations and Support Services dated April 16, 2012, the following terms will apply:

1. The 3-year contract is subject to renewal by the Board of Selectmen each year in May after consideration and input from the Public Works Director.

2. The Transfer Station Contractor/Operator is under the supervision of the Public Works Director and the First Selectman.

- 3. The Transfer Station Contractor/Operator will provide professional customer service that reflects positively on the Town of Salem.**

Vote: Approved Unanimous

7. Future Action Items

1. Town Events Policy – Will be removed from Future Action Items

Adjournment

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to adjourn at 9:08P.M.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

**Respectfully Submitted
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary**