

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

REGULAR MEETING

March 6, 2012

7:30 PM

PRESENT: K. Lyden, E. Burr, R. McKenney, B. Ross

ABSENT: L. Buckley

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:30

AGENDA:

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C (McKenney/ Burr) to approve the February 7, 2012, Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved. In Favor-Lyden, Buckley, Burr, McKenney. Opposed-None. Abstaining-Ross

M/S/C (McKenney/Burr) to approve the February 16, 2012 Special Meeting as presented.

Vote: Approved. In Favor-Lyden, Buckley, Burr, McKenney. Opposed-None. Abstaining-Ross

2) CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT

P. Sielman informed the Board he attended the hearing at the state legislature concerning tolls on Route 11. He stated there were three people testifying that were opposed to the tolls although, he thought they were more opposed to Route 11 and not necessarily opposed to the tolls. P. Sielman stated they had made statements that were not totally factual. P. Sielman gave testimony in favor of the tolls. He stated he has a sense that it will pass but he is not certain.

P. Sielman stated he has been in contact with Congressman Courtney because he feels there needs to be a push at the federal level for Route 11 funding. He spoke to Courtney's chief of staff who informed P. Sielman that as the proposed transportation bill stands now, Connecticut may only be getting \$400,000,000 a year. If the 80% of the cost of Route 11 and the I-95 exchange is 700,000,000-800,000,000 then it will be a long time before that project is funded. He thought the election will have an impact on the funding.

P. Sielman said that it looks like it will take another 18 months before the environmental study is done which is worrisome because prices of labor and materials are low now but,

with the economy getting better prices will be going up making the project more expensive.

3) AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to add ARRA Grant Request as item D, budget discussions as item E, and Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations as item 6A. Vote: Approved Unanimously

4) AGENDA

A) Appoint Tim Allen to the Salem Recreation Commission

M/S/C (Lyden//Burr) to appoint Tim Allen to the Recreation Commission. Vote: Approved Unanimously

B) Set Special Meeting to discuss Events Policy & Budget Discussion

K. Lyden stated he had a preliminary budget prepared and will send it out soon. He stated that the budget will most likely remain flat. He stated they needed a working meeting for the special events policy. K. Lyden stated that L. Buckley is working on a draft for the policy. The members decided March 15, at 4:30 would be the best time for the special meeting.

C) Tax Collector Refund(S)

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) the Board of Selectman directs the Town Treasurer to issue the refunds recommended and certified by the Town of Salem Tax Collector in the amount of \$5046.29. Vote: Approved Unanimously

D) Grant Request

The grant is an ARRA EECBG QuickSpend grant. The Town applied for funds to be used for four energy efficient refrigerators and ten trash cans for recyclables. The trash cans will be placed on town owned property sites. The grant is for 8001.00. There is no match needed for the grant but it is a reimbursable grant which has to be paid up front and then the Town gets reimbursed.

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) The Board of Selectman endorses a supplemental appropriation in accordance with Section 10.09 of the Town Charter for the ARRA Quick Spend Project, Energy Star Appliances Recycling Containers in the amount of \$8001. Vote: Approved Unanimously

E) Budget Discussion

This item is scheduled to be discussed at the Special Board of Selectman meeting.

5) **REPORTS**

- A) First Selectman-K.** Lyden had a discussion with CIRMA and the town is in the third year (7/1/12-6/30/13) of a 0% increase in liability. CIRMA is willing to extend a 0% increase in liability for another two years. They will be offering a maximum 5% increase for fiscal years 2013, 2014, & 2015 in our work comp rate. We have two claims now open.
The Town will have a farmers market on Thursdays from 3:00-6:00, June-October. It will be all Connecticut Grown. There will be some startup funds that will be needed. The Town will be selling spots for \$100 and there will be approximately 10-12 spots. There will be food vendors with temporary permits as well as music.
The Roundabout is on schedule to begin at the end of April. Updates will be posted to the town's website as they become available.
- B) Public Works-No Report**
- C) Building Department-No Report**
- D) Salem School Building Committee-**very close to completing the necessary specifications required by the state. Final plans for the summer work is under review, financing for work has been acquired, bonding will be in place by early July. They will be going out to bid for contractor around mid-April.
- E) Board of Education-**The BoE did Spotlight on Counseling programs.
Each board member has a notebook on all the topic/presentations discussed.
The BoE discussed eliminating February vacation. East Lyme has not decided what they will do, once they decide Salem will probably follow. The school is in its first year of a regional calendar. Not every district is following the entire plan but they are following most of what had been scheduled.
Budget will be presented on Thursday
CIRMA safety plan is in place.
Ed Specs were passed.
March is BoE recognition month.
- F) Board of Finance-**Will be discussing BoE budget at next meeting
- G) Planning and Zoning-**POCD public hearing went well.
- H) Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission-**No report
- I) Economic Development Commission-**B. Ross asked EDC to think about looking for tenants for already existing commercial space. They have done a lot of good conceptual work but now need to market the town.
- J) Zoning Board of Appeals-**Chairman L. Cole-Chu stepped down as Chairman due to being appointed as a judge. They did not elect a new Chairperson.
- K) Recreation Commission-**Longtime member K. Bingham resigned. The Commission is looking to sponsor a town wide tag sale.
- L) Public Safety-**no report
- M) Transfer Station-**brush was burned
- N) Library-**submitted budget, will send up dated version.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

K. Lyden thanked Lee Cole-Chu for all his public service to Salem. He stated that Salem is honored that Lee was appointed a Superior Court Judge.

6A) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Vote: Approved Unanimously

The Board went into executive session at 8:10. Gary Alligood and Don Bourdeau were asked to participate in the executive session.

Present at the session were: K. Lyden, E. Burr, R. McKenney, R. Ross, G. Alligood, D. Bourdeau

M/S/C (Ross/Lyden) to end the Executive Session at 9:30. Vote: Approved Unanimously

7) FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:

1. TOWN EVENTS POLICY (discussed previously)

8) ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Lyden/McKenney) to adjourn the meeting at 9:31. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Spang
Recording Secretary