

**Unapproved**

TOWN OF SALEM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
October 5, 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:            SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 - REGULAR MEETING**

M/S/C (Fogarty/Asafaylo) to approve the September 7, 2010 Salem Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes amended as follows:

Page 2 - under *B) Chinatti - Request for Support .....*, in the first line of the second paragraph, change *B. Bourdeau, .....* to "D. Bourdeau, ....."

Vote: approved unanimously.

**2) CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Vision Appraisal & the Assessor's Office - notification that revaluation starts this month for the October 1, 2011 Grand List. Representatives from Vision Appraisal will have identification and will be measuring homes inside and outside.
- The town has received notice from the Office of Policy and Management that it will be receiving a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the construction of a pavilion on the Gadbois property on Norwich Road.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- P. Sielman, 369 West Road:
  - Since the fact that the revaluation is taking place when property values have been down, he suggested that the Board might want to pre-warn the townspeople that when assessments go down, the mil rate goes up.
  - Recommended that the public hearing for the school building project should be at the school and be web cast. 9% of

Salem's residents, which is 50% more than the number of people who have attended Town Meetings in the past, have signed up to be able to participate in the Virtual Town Meetings.

- Suggested that beginning in 2011 all Board of Selectmen meetings should be web cast so as to allow more resident participation.

The Board stated that they would take this under consideration.

**3) AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS:**

There were no *AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS* this evening.

**4) AGENDA:**

**A) REPORT OF SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

K. Lyden informed the Board that the School Building Committee had asked for a one (1) month extension, to the November 9, 2010 BOS Regular Meeting, to present their report.

R. Asafaylo, stated that the Committee has a meeting scheduled for next week. They want to get the Board of Education on board with the Ed Specs.

M/S/C (Fogarty/McKenney) to table the *REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE* to the November 9, 2010 Regular Meeting agenda of the Salem Board of Selectmen. Vote: approved unanimously.

**B) TAX COLLECTOR REFUNDS**

M/S/C (Fogarty/Asafaylo) that the Board of Selectmen directs the Town Treasurer to issue refunds in the amount of \$968.47 as recommended and certified by the Tax Collector as noted in the Summary of Tax Collector Refunds dated 10/5/10. Vote: approved unanimously.

(A copy of the 10/5/10 Summary of Tax Collector Refunds is attached to the filed copy of these minutes.)

**C) OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no *OTHER BUSINESS* this evening.

**5) REPORTS:**

- A) FIRST SELECTMAN** - K. Lyden: reiterated the fact that the Gadbois property on Norwich Road where the pavilion will be constructed is town-owned property

that the town purchased from S. & J. Gadbois; the Library, Town Office Building, Salt Shed, and the Gardner Lake Fire Department have all had the solar panels placed on their buildings; the town should see about an \$8,000 per year savings on electricity costs; CL&P will be out in the next week or two to get the systems up and running; there will soon be a web address on the Salem Web Site (salemct.gov) that will enable residents to watch the solar production at the Library; the town is applying for a grant for funding for roof and foundation repairs to the Salem Towne House on the Town Green; the initial work on the sidewalk to be constructed on Hartford Road (Route 85) from the school to the Town Green has been completed; funding, a grant from the Southeastern CT Council of Governments (SCCOG) of \$104,000 is on track.

- B) **PUBLIC WORKS** - D. Bourdeau, PW Director: paving of Forsyth Road will begin on Friday of this week; Gardner Lake Heights will be next, and then the crew will be working on drainage for the sidewalk on Hartford Road.
- C) **BUILDING DEPARTMENT** - no report.
- D) **SALEM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE** - K. Lyden: discussed on tonight's agenda.
- E) **BOARD OF EDUCATION** - no report.
- F) **BOARD OF FINANCE** - the BOF is looking at the Capital Plan as it is top heavy for the next few years; they want to get representatives from all Boards and Commissions, the Library, the Fire Departments together to talk about better planning for the Capital Plan.
- G) **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** - the Daigle three (3) lot resubdivision was withdrawn and was resubmitted as a Special Exception application to validate the multi-family development at 212/216 Norwich Road; in regard to the former suit, a letter was sent to Kobyluck Brothers, LLC stating that, due to the fact that a revised site plan and bond were not submitted as per conditions of the Special Exception approval, a Notice of Special Exception Expiration will be filed on the Salem Land Records; an application for a horse farm on the former Lecce property on Old Colchester Road has been submitted; approved a site plan application for R. & W. Heating for the construction of office space at their building at 10 Witter Road; the Municipal Land Use Plan Report was received; Executive Sessions for the Kobyluck appeal were held.
- H) **INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION** - still working on an As-of Right Determination for replacement of terraced walls on Gardner Lake at 146 Old Colchester Road; denied, due to an incomplete application, a Regulated Activity application for legalizing a deck built in wetlands without permits at 566 Hartford Road (application has been resubmitted); approved a Declaratory Ruling for R. & W. Heating for construction of office space at 10 Witter Road; still in the process of discussing whether the Commission should send legal referrals to the Town Attorney or an attorney that specializes in wetlands matters; approved support for a DEP grant for the Niantic River Watershed.
- I) **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION** - R. Ross: the DOT is continuing to work on the round-about.
- J) **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** - no applications; no meeting in September.

- K) **RECREATION COMMISSION** - no report.
- L) **PUBLIC SAFETY** - no report.
- M) **TRANSFER STATION** - D. Bourdeau, Jr.: Fall Amnesty Days went well.
- N) **LIBRARY BOARD** - no report.
- O) **TOWN VISION COMMITTEE** - R. Asafaylo: the Committee's draft of the Vision Statement is ready.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no further *PUBLIC COMMENTS*.

7) **FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:**

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

After the Board's discussion at the BOS Special Meeting held on 9/30/10, it was their consensus that a Town Events Policy should be placed under *FUTURE ACTION ITEMS*.

M/S/C (Ross/Asafaylo) to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

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