

Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
January 13, 2010  
6:15PM  
Court Room

**1. Call to order**

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 6:17PM. Present was Selectmen Edward Meadows and Michael Collins. Also present: Todd Hastings, Peter Silvestri, Gerry Meadows, Tom Girard, George Allen, Claire Glaude, Armand Glaude, Mark Benson

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by M. Collins

**3. Review and act on minutes of December 9, 2009**

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to accept the minutes of 12/9/09. Unanimously voted.

**4. Act on request for tax refund for overpayment of taxes**

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to accept the request for tax refund for overpayment of taxes for Directv Inc. \$108.05. Unanimously voted.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to accept the request for tax refund for overpayment of taxes for Nissan Infiniti LT for \$176.20. Unanimously voted.

**5. Discuss and possibly act on municipal option to delay revaluations passed by General Assembly for the 2010 Grand List Year.**

Motion made by M. Collins, seconded by E. Meadows to delay the revaluation for 2010 Grand List Year.

Discussion: Delaying revaluation will have no impact on the individual tax payers. Last revaluation was 6 years ago; Next year a revaluation will be scheduled. C. Osten and E. Meadows voted yes. M. Collins voted no. Motion carried.

**6. Act on accepting a Grant from the State of Connecticut DOT in the amount of \$84,454.69 for the LaCroix Bridge Project and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.**

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting for this appropriation. Unanimously voted.

**7. Discuss and possibly act on 2010/2011 Capital Projects: Roadway Mark Benson, Water & Sewer Todd Hastings, Town Facilities Peter Silvestri and Equipment Armand Glaude.**

1. **Town Clerks Office** – Records storage area and completion of the vault, possibility of 2/3 funded by Town (\$11,983.34) and 1/3 funded by USDA Grant (\$5,991.66).
2. **Baltic Fire Dept-** upgrade building. Tiles, painting, new roof, phone system, electronic locking system, surveillance camera, new generator, boiler replacement switching from oil to gas, new hood exhaust in kitchen, air condition main hall and offices (\$100,000).
3. **Senior Center** – paint, molding, purchase dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer, three round tables, twenty chairs, install wall outside kitchen for toe nail cutting/blood pressure, and purchase two air conditioners. Approximately (\$13,410.00).
4. **Mark Benson Roads** – Pautipaug Hill Road to be done in sections, Birchwood Terrace, Cydylo Drive, Fortin Drive, Franklin Rd., LaCroix Road(Grant) School Hill Rd, Whitehall Drive. Chip seal Salt Rock Rd and ribbon rail on Ridge Rd. and Fifth Ave., Bay and Baltic Hanover Road.
5. **Todd Hastings** – Water & Sewer preliminary feasibility study paid by USDA and by Cascades. Plan has been approved by Planning & Zoning. Baltic Reservoir (\$6,500,000.), Water System (2,056,000.), Sewer Treatment Plant (\$40,000,000) if sewer is expanded to include Inland Rd (Companies) or (\$8,000,000) if not expanded, upgrade pump station #1 Baltic, pump station #2 Hanover, pump station #3 Versailles Main St, pump station #4 Versailles Bay Street. Total for pump stations (\$2,575,000.00)
6. **Peter Silvestri** – Town Hall - Upgrade two bathrooms to be ADA Compliant, re-point outside brick walls Town Hall, Town Garage and Senior Center, add a dedicated 20amp circuit in the server room and Town Clerks office, to repair electrical load balance, replace front glass door for energy efficiency, replace carpet

and paint in Town Clerk's office and Land Use office, paint closet area in the Animal Control office and front garage area. Approximately (\$37,420.00)

7. **Armand Glaude** – Town equipment - replace the 1988 international truck, replacement cost approximately (\$190,000). Replace chipper. New Bobcat brush hog; may go regional, not used every day. Purchase spare plows, (\$110,000.00)
8. **Metal building for storing equipment** – 50x100 4ft concrete floor 5 doors approximately (\$100,000). Fencing and camera system for security will be added later.
9. **Communication system** – current system not effective. Need an integrated system. Proposing mobile unites for Public Works Dept., Water & Sewer, Animal Control, Senior Van Driver, Town Hall, Sayles School, and Fire Department. (Approximately \$46,000).
10. **Parks & Recreation** – soccer field, ball field, little league field, skating pond. (Seeking grants and donations, not funded by the Town). Plans for improvements.

\*\* Motion made by M. Collins, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the 2010/2011 capital projects as presented. Unanimously voted.

**8. Rescind the decision of the Board of Selectmen regarding the appointment to the Sprague Public Library – Deb Aldridge as Alternate.**

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to rescind the decision acted on at the November 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 meeting appointing Deb Aldridge as Alternate to the Sprague Public Library. Unanimously voted.

**9. Act on appoint for Sally Exley as an alternate member to the Library Board at the recommendation of the Library Board.**

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to appoint Sally Exley as an alternate member to the Sprague Library Board. Unanimously voted.

**10. Act on Resolution – DEP Urban Forestry (America the Beautiful) Grant in the amount of \$2,465.00.**

Motion made by M. Collins, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the resolution for DEP Urban Forestry. Unanimously voted.

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED: That the First Selectman, Catherine A. Osten, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Sprague a certain contract with the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut for the fulfillment of the America-the-Beautiful grant, and is authorized to affix the Town Seal.**

**11. Act on Acceptance of donation of food by United Steel Workers Union 1840 and a monetary donation of \$1,100 by Cascades.**

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to accept the donation of food by United Steel Workers and a monetary donation of \$1,100 by Cascades. Unanimously voted.

**12. Selectman's report**

State Trooper's Report – reviewed by the Board.

SCRRA – Fees for FY 2010 reduced by \$5.00 a ton. No cost for electronic waste, Freon removal and fluorescent bulbs. SCRRA provides a tub grinder also at no cost.

DPH – H1N1 Situation Report – reviewed by the Board

Amgraph – General Observations, preliminary assessments. Change in the Assessment on Amgraph because of the purchase of equipment.

Dog Pound Regionalization – Provided the Board with an initial proposal including Lebanon Franklin, Bozrah and Sprague; reviewed three previous years of the two different accounts non bearing interest account and the general fund account for a comparison. No decision made at this time; all town need to bring this information to their Boards.

T. Hawks – states the regionalization looks good on paper, but service will decrease. He is very concerned that the Town will not get the service it has been getting.

Establish a Committee for Baltic Mills

C. Osten would like to establish a Committee. Her Board will e-mail her names of people who might be interested. Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to establish a Committee for the Baltic Mills. Discussion: Board members agree. Unanimously voted.

Charter Commission

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to establish a Charter Commission. Discussion: It was agreed that the new Commission should have at least 9 members and reach out to all Boards and Commissions for input. Unanimously voted.

LaCroix Bridge – bid project in February, award project in May, perform road work in May & June and install bridge in July & August.

Letter to residents re: the sidewalk ordinance and its implementation.

Vacancies - several openings will be advertised in the Our Town Newsletter.

To discuss at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting; the acceptance of \$4, 460 for trails clearing and design mapping on the trails at Mukluk Preserve.

Versailles Methodist Church – worked needed request made to waive the permit fees.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to waive the building fees. Unanimously voted.

### **13. Public comment**

G. Meadows – thanked the road crew for all their work and service cleaning the roads during winter storms.

J. Osowski – in agreement with 9 members for the Charter Commission. Dog pound total of towns paying in; based on per capita. C. Osten stated that we need feed back from the other Towns. Question re: the radios, and asked if the Town employees could use cell phones; C. Osten states that cell phones do not allow emergency contact between the different departments. Storage shed; consider solar lighting.

M. Collins – would like to be updated on the Water & Sewer discussions. Street light removal across from the Convent; none were removed, report the pole number to the Selectman's office and we will forward to CL&P.

Account Quick Report – asking for this report every month. Public Works did a great job cleaning the roads on the last snow storm.

### **14. Adjournment**

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to adjourn meeting at 8:00PM. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten  
First Selectman