

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday April 8, 2009
5:30 PM
Court Room**

1. Call to order

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:30PM. Present were Selectmen Edward Meadows Kevin Generous. Also present: Pat Deslandes, Denise Lance, Pat Olsen, Gerry Meadows and Peter Silvestri

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by E. Meadows

3. Review and act on minutes of March 11, 2009 and Special Meetings of March 5, 2009, March 12, 2009, March 19, 2009.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to approve the minutes of 3/11/09, 3/5/09, 3/12/09 and 3/19/09. Unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to approve the request for tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Mark Mayo \$10.04, Dennis Blanchard \$204.72 and Lisa Bozsum \$6.28. Unanimously voted.

5. Solar Energy update

Quotes received from Solar Wright, Mystic Solar and Sunlight Solar; waiting for one quote from Solar Tek. When received, a full comparison will be made and presented back to the Board. Solar Tek will be back to the Town hall for a site inspection.

6. Discuss and possibly act on adoption of tax exemption for farm buildings

Tabled

7. Discuss the development of a blight ordinance

Tabled

8. Discuss the development of a parking ordinance on High Street

Letter received from our Resident State Trooper, John Patterson expressing the ongoing problems of parking on High Street. C. Osten has asked Richard Cody, Town Attorney to draft up an ordinance. The Board agreed that in the body of the ordinance it should read that residents switch off on parking on each side of the road during winter storm removal. This would alleviate any problems that State Police, Baltic Fire Dept/EMS Personnel and the Town Highway Dept. may have; accessing to High St. during emergency situations (Fires and Snowstorms).

9. Discussion on four way stop on Main Street Hanover, Potash and Salt Rock.

Letter received from our Resident Trooper, John Patterson, requesting that the First Selectman consider making the intersection of Main St., Potash Hill Rd. and Salt Rock Rd. in Hanover, a four

way stop; speeding the issue. To remain on the agenda for next month's meeting. Decision will be made by the Board.

10. Discuss meetings dates and times for the Board of Selectmen

Schedule of meeting dates submitted to the Town Clerk in January will be revised. The Board will meet at 5:30PM on the second Wednesday of each month from May 2009 through December 3009. Resubmit letter to the Town Clerk.

11. Act on Resolution: DECD funds for Small Cities Project, ADA Improvements at the Grist Mill/Library.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by K. Generous to accept the resolution for DECD funds for Small Cities Project, ADA Improvements and the Grist Mill/Library.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c and Part VI of Chapter 130 of Connecticut General,

(State Statutory Reference)

the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and **WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Sprague make an application to the State for (Applicant)

\$ 750,000 in order to undertake the ADA Improvements at the Grist Mill/Library

and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

Board of Selectmen

(Governing Body)

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Chapter 127c and Part VI of Chapter 130 of Connecticut General (State Statutory Reference)

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by Town of Sprague (Applicant)

in an amount not to exceed \$ 750,000 is hereby approved and that

First Selectwoman, Catherine A. Osten

(Title and Name of Authorized Official)

is directed to execute and file such application including a Program Income Reuse Plan, if applicable, with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of

Town of Sprague

(Name of Applicant)

3. That it hereby adopts or has adopted as its policy to support the following nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under subsection (a)(1) of Connecticut General Statutes sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, respectively, as amended by Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142 and, and for which purposes the “contractor” is Town of Sprague and “contract” is said Assistance Agreement:

The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut. The contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved.

The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation.

12. Baltic Fire Department tax abatement – requesting \$8,750.00 to the Board of Selectmen for fiscal year 2009/2010.

Letter sent by Robert Tardif Fire Chief re: Ordinance 2001-3 which specifies that the Baltic Fire Dept. make a proposal of the total amount for tax abatement \$8,750 to the Board of Selectmen by March 31st of each year. Ten Firemen will be eligible for the 2008 grand list.

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the Fire Dept. tax abatement requesting an amount of \$8,750. Unanimously voted.

13. Selectman’s report

- New sidewalk project has started on Park Drive and West Main Street.

14. Public comment

P. Olsen – Asked if the Town hired a new contractor for the second phase sidewalk project. C. Osten answered yes.

G. Meadows- Welcome to Versailles sign looks very nice. Fence on Riverside Drive; belongs to Cascade.

15. Adjournment

Motion made by C. Osten, seconded by E. Meadows to adjourn the meeting at 5:50PM. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman