

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2009
5:30 PM
Court Room
Revised**

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:32 PM. Present was Selectman Edward Meadows, Selectman Kevin Generous was absent. Also present: Gerry Meadows, Ben Hull, Tom Williams, Paula Forrest, Peter Silvestri, Joe Osowski and Carmella Turner.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by C. Osten

3. Review and act on minutes of June 10, 2009 and June 30, 2009.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to accept the minutes of 6/10/09 and 6/30/09. Unanimously voted.

Ben Hull asked permission to remove a 12ft. piece of granite from the Baltic Mill site which was promised to him by a previous administration. The Board granted his permission to remove the granite with the help of the Public Works Department.

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

None

5. Solar energy update.

Mystic Solar, SolarWrights and Sunlight Solar are the three companies being considered. The Board will hold a Special Meeting when all members are present for a decision.

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

Tabled

7. Discuss and possibly act on municipal option to delay revaluations passed by General Assembly.

Board of Finance agreed to delay the revaluation until next year allowing the economy to stabilize.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to delay the revaluation until next year. Unanimously voted. Letter will be sent to State of Connecticut.

8. Discuss and possibly act on updating Employee Handbook

Sent to Suisman & Shapiro Labor Attorney to upgrade and insert any new laws. Tabled.

9. Discuss and possibly act on ordinance 2009-1 (Parking on High Street)

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to accept ordinance 2009-1 and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to pass a parking ordinance on High Street. Unanimously voted.

10. Discuss and possibly act on ordinance for Blight Control

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to accept ordinance #2009-2 and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to pass a blight ordinance. Unanimously voted.

11. Discuss and possibly act on ordinance for Noise Control

Several areas in Town have continuing problems with excessive noise with motorbikes and ATV's at their highest level.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to accept ordinance #2009-3 and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to pass a noise ordinance to accept ordinance #2009-3 for Noise Control. Unanimously voted.

12. Act on accepting a resolution for a USDA agreement for LaCroix Bridge

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to accept a resolution for a USDA agreement for LaCroix Bridge. Unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of this Association be and it hereby is authorized and empowered to take all action necessary or appropriate –

1. To obtain for and on behalf of the Association through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or any other Governmental agency:

- (a) A loan in a sum not to exceed \$ _____;
- (b) A grant in a sum not to exceed \$90,700.00 _____;

To be advanced by the lender or grantor in one or more advances at such time or times as may be agreed upon.

2. In case of a loan or grant or both -

- (a) For the execution of such application or applications (including exhibits, amendments and/or supplements thereto) as may be required;
- (b) For the execution and delivery to the lender or grantor of all such written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such loan or grant; and
- (c) In its judgment to carry out the terms of this resolution.

3. And in case of a loan -

- (a) To obligate this Association for the repayment of the loan at such rates of interest and on Such other terms and conditions as the Governing Board shall deem proper;
- (b) To pledge, hypothecate, mortgage, convey, or assign property of this Association of any Kind and in any amount now owned or hereafter acquired, as security for any or all Obligations (past, present and/or future) of this Association to such lender; and
- (c) From time to time to pay, extend, or renew any such obligations.

13. Act on accepting a resolution for a USDA agreement for a Gate for the Sewer Plant

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to accept a resolution for a USDA agreement for a gate for the Sewer Plant. Unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

1. To obtain for and on behalf of the Association through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or any other Governmental agency:

- (c) A loan in a sum not to exceed \$ _____;
- (d) A grant in a sum not to exceed \$3,500.00 _____;

To be advanced by the lender or grantor in one or more advances at such time or times as may be agreed upon.

2. In case of a loan or grant or both -

- (a) For the execution of such application or applications (including exhibits, amendments and/or supplements thereto) as may be required;
- (b) For the execution and delivery to the lender or grantor of all such written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such loan or grant; and
- (c) In its judgment to carry out the terms of this resolution.

3. And in case of a loan -
 - (a) To obligate this Association for the repayment of the loan at such rates of interest and on Such other terms and conditions as the Governing Board shall deem proper;
 - (b) To pledge, hypothecate, mortgage, convey, or assign property of this Association of any Kind and in any amount now owned or hereafter acquired, as security for any or all Obligations (past, present and/or future) of this Association to such lender; and
 - (c) From time to time to pay, extend, or renew any such obligations.

14. Act on accepting a resolution for a USDA agreement for the purchase of Senior Center furniture

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to accept a resolution for a USDA agreement for the purchase of Senior Center Furniture. Unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

1. To obtain for and on behalf of the Association through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or any other Governmental agency:
 - (e) A loan in a sum not to exceed \$_____;
 - (f) A grant in a sum not to exceed \$6,220.00_____;To be advanced by the lender or grantor in one or more advances at such time or times as may be agreed upon.
2. In case of a loan or grant or both -
 - (a) For the execution of such application or applications (including exhibits, amendments and/or supplements thereto) as may be required;
 - (b) For the execution and delivery to the lender or grantor of all such written instruments as may be required in regard to or as evidence of such loan or grant; and
 - (c) In its judgment to carry out the terms of this resolution.
3. And in case of a loan -
 - (a) To obligate this Association for the repayment of the loan at such rates of interest and on Such other terms and conditions as the Governing Board shall deem proper;
 - (b) To pledge, hypothecate, mortgage, convey, or assign property of this Association of any Kind and in any amount now owned or hereafter acquired, as security for any or all Obligations (past, present and/or future) of this Association to such lender; and
 - (c) From time to time to pay, extend, or renew any such obligations.

15. Act on a resolution between the Town of Sprague and DEMHS to support regional set aside projects

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to accept a resolution between the Town of Sprague and DEMHS to support regional set aside projects. Unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Town of Sprague may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Catherine A. Osten, as First Selectman of the Town of Sprague, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Sprague and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

16. Discuss and possibly act on subordination agreement – Dorothy St. Germain

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Subordination Agreement for Dorothy St. Germain in which the Town will become subordinate for the new loan; will be paid back when property sells. Unanimously voted.

17. Selectman's report

--W. Main Street sidewalk replacement: In response to K. Generous' question regarding the replacement of sidewalks on W. Main St. having been replaced only 10 years ago. C. Osten

showed pictures of the deterioration on High Street and stated W. Main Street sidewalks are in the same condition. Town agreed to replace sidewalks at a town meeting.

--State Trooper Reports were distributed.

--Update on grants: Recreation Trails \$25,000, Fire Dept (Stimulus) \$2,100,000, Reservoir (Stimulus) \$1,900,000, Grist Mill (DECD) \$760,000, Grist Mill (DECD) \$90,000, Pump Station (USDA) \$630,000 amount to be determined, Defibrillators (USDA) \$2,000, JAG Grant (OPM) \$9,100, Energy Conservation (Stimulus) \$33,632, Fire Dept. wall (STEAP) \$160,000, LaCroix Bridge \$107,0000 to compete project, fuel tank at School.

--Summer youth hires - 3 youths working at Library and 3 youths working at Public Works Garage. All hired by CT Works. Anticipating a couple more youths to work at Town Hall, Clerical.

--Point of interest – C. Osten has missed only 4 meetings held by the Economic Development Commission since January 2008.

18. Public comment

Tom Williams – Asked if State Police could handle noise in town. C. Osten answered no, not unless an ordinance is passed; there is nothing the police can do. He asked if/when the blight ordinance passes, how the elderly would be affected by this; not being able to afford to fix up their properties. C. Osten stated money is available from the Small Cities Grants.

Paula Forrest – In support of a noise ordinance. People are very disruptive where she resides on Main Street Hanover and questioned about taxing the property on Main Street Hanover; (bike track) may fall into a different taxation category.

Chris Mueller- inquired about tax ordinance for farm equipment and buildings.

Joe Osowski- inquired about a time limit in the noise ordinance and also inquired about recreation trails grant.

Carmella Turner – Inquired about trees hanging over the dam at the Hanover Reservoir. C. Osten stated they will be removed. C. Turner suggested adding watercraft to the noise ordinance.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to adjourn meeting at 6:15PM.

Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman