

Agenda
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday August 13, 2008
5:30 PM
Court Room
Postponed to August 20, 2008
7:00PM
Revised

1. Call to order

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 7:00PM. Present were Selectman Edward Meadows and Kevin Generous. Also present: Bob Tardif, Linda Puetz, Mick Collins, Pat Olsen and Mike Smith.

2. Review and act on minutes of May 21, 2008, June 11, 2008, June 16, 2008 and June 18, 2008.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by K. Generous to accept minutes of 5/21, 6/11, 6/16 and 6/28. Discussion: K. Generous stated June 11th minute's item #12 need to be amended and will submit correction. E. Meadows and K. Generous withdraw motion tabled June 11th minutes for next month.

Motion made by K. Generous seconded by E. Meadows to accept the minutes of 5/21/08, 6/16/08, and 6/18/08. Unanimously voted. Minutes for the Special joint meeting held on July 29, 2008 will be submitted into the Board of Selectmen's minute book; no quorum.

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

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Denise F. Blake for \$9.70, Matthew J. Smith for \$80.85, Rochelle A. Alix for \$199.31, Patricia C. Barnes for \$19.05, Manuel Meneses Jr. for \$132.08, Harold E. Moss, Jr. for \$222.74, Edna D. Guertin for \$186.95, Rossi Law Offices, LTD for \$13.56 and Harry G. Macht for \$300.00. Unanimously voted.

4. Discuss Code of Ethics within Personnel Handbook

- Board reviewed the current policy within the Town's Employee Handbook. Tabled until next month's meeting.

5. Discuss recording system for the Town of Sprague Boards and Commissions.

C. Osten spoke to the Board of Education and Commissions and Boards members asking for their input on a recording system; waiting on their comments. K. Generous recommended using Audacity, free software for recording and editing sounds available for all operating systems; allows capturing comments in very large rooms. K. Generous to e-mail file to Selectmen for review. Tabled until next month.

6. Discuss grant award \$8,804 2008/2009 for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive

Grant received in FY 2007/2008 and awarded again this FY 2008/2009.

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the grant award for \$8,804 for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive. Unanimously voted.

7. Act on resolution: Municipal transportation funds for elderly and disabled

Motion made by E. Meadows seconded by K. Generous to accept the resolution for Municipal transportation funds for elderly and disabled for FY 2007/ 2008. Unanimously voted.

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the resolution for Municipal transportation funds for elderly and disabled for FY 2008/2009. Unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing the First Selectman, Catherine A. Osten, to negotiate and execute all necessary Agreement/Contract documents on behalf of the Town of Sprague with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut for the Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation Expanded Program, and to affix the corporate seal.

8. Act on resolution: Local Bridge Program LaCroix Road

Preliminary application received from State of Conn. DOT; qualifying for funding under the Local Bridge Program. Total estimated project cost: \$259,280 State will fund 32.57% and 50% of the project cost through a project loan. Preliminary application does not mean we will accept; may go forward with this depending on funding; requires a Town Meeting.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by K. Generous to accept resolution. Discussion: K. Generous stated that other established priority projects would suffer if the town fixes this road which has been closed for many years; feels the town should repair the roads that are in use every day. C. Osten stated the town will explore other funding for remaining funds. Unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

Be it RESOLVED, that Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman of the Town of Sprague is hereby authorized to sign the LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION on behalf of the TOWN OF SPRAGUE for LaCroix Road over Beaver Brook, Bridge No. 133003.

9. Act on appointment to the Sprague Parks and Recreation Committee

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to appoint Ellen Michael to the Sprague Parks and Recreation Committee. Unanimously voted.

10. Discuss President Lincoln's Bicentennial: February 12, 2009

February 12, 2009 is the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. Governor Rell urging recognition from all communities to preserve the legacy of our sixteenth President from February 12, 2009 through February 12, 2010. Town may do a public reading of Gettysburg address. Sayles School has also been informed.

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to dedicate the period February 12, 2009 through February 12, 2010 to preserve the legacy of our Sixteenth President. Unanimously voted. To discuss at next meeting.

11. Update on Registrar's computer system mandated by State of Connecticut

A new computer has been purchased for Registrars in order to comply with State of Connecticut's new software update. Currently Registrars are using Windows 95 and Windows 98 which has become obsolete with the new software. C. Osten to inform Board of Finance of purchase.

12. Discuss and act on Memorandum of Agreement between State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) and Town of Sprague re: State use of funding granted by the Department of Homeland Security under

the FY 2007 Grant Program and the FY 2007 Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program.

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and the Town of Sprague re: State use of funding granted by the Department of Homeland Security under the FY 2007 and the FY 2007 Public Interoperable Communications Grant Program. Discussion: K. Generous requested information for review prior to meeting. C. Osten stated agenda is sent out and information is available if needed. Unanimously voted.

13. Act on resolution: Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the resolution for Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen 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, First Selectman of the Town of Sprague, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen 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.

14. Authorize First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to act on a partial Dows Lane abandonment by the Town

Board reviewed map of property owned by Mohegan Tribe on Dows Lane; asking to accept a portion of Dows Lane for repairs and installing a fire hydrant. Public will still have access; turn around remains the same for school buses. Planning & Zoning and Inland Wetlands to hold public hearing for the Country Club.

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to authorize First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to act on a partial Dows Lane abandonment by the Town. Unanimously voted.

15. Authorize First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept a quit claim deed from Andrew W. Hatch and Heather L. Hatch to the Town of Sprague.

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept a quit claim deed from Andrew W. Hatch and Heather L. Hatch to the Town of Sprague. Unanimously voted.

16. Authorize First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept the Hiking and Trail Easement Agreement between Frederick J. Pogmore and Barbara J. Pogmore and the Town of Sprague.

This was tabled at the Town Meeting pending results of the Mukluk property vote: Frederick and Barbara Pogmore in favor of keeping the property in open space. Easement will authorize the town to access their property. K. Generous does not like the Mukluk property vote.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to call a Special town Meeting to accept the Hiking and Trail Easement Agreement between Frederick J. Pogmore and Barbara J. Pogmore and the Town of Sprague. K. Generous opposes.

17. Authorize First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to grant to Frederick J. Pogmore and Barbara J. Pogmore an easement for access and egress across Town land known as the Mukluk Property,

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to authorize First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to grant to Frederick J. Pogmore and Barbara J. Pogmore an easement for access and egress across Town land known as the Mukluk property. K. Generous opposed.

18. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept \$1,000,000 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection to assist with the cost related to dam repairs or improvement to the sewage treatment plant which are necessary in order to re-activate the Baltic Reservoir.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by K. Generous to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept \$1,000,000 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection to assist with the cost related to dam repairs or improvement to the sewage treatment plant which are necessary in order to reactivate the Baltic Reservoir. Clarification made by C. Osten that the grant will be used for dam repair. Unanimously voted.

19. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to move from Urban Act to STEAP.

STEAP offers more funding for smaller cities whereas Urban Act offers funding for larger cities. Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to move from Urban Act to STEAP. Unanimously voted.

20. Deauthorize the resolution for the expenditures of \$153,000 for well 2A

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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 grant in a sum not to exceed \$153,000.00;

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

1. In case of a loan of 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.

Passed at the March 19th Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Motion made by C. Osten, seconded by E. Meadows to deauthorize the resolution for the expenditures of \$153,000 for well 2A. K. Generous stated that the Town did not follow same

procedure on public vote with Mukluk property and should be consistent with this procedure. Unanimously voted.

21. Act on resolution re: USDA Rural Development application for drilling of well 2A

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the resolution regarding USDA Rural Development application for drilling of well 2A. Federal Government change the perimeters of well 2A allowing \$161,875 in grant money. Water & Sewer has already paid out \$40,000. K. Generous requests that a representative from Water & Sewer be present at the Town Meeting to explain. Unanimously voted.

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RESOLUTION

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

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

- (a) A grant in a sum not to exceed \$161,857;

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 of 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.

22. Authorize First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting for the appropriation of \$161,857 for well 2A and to sign contracts for this project funded by USDA (75%) and the Town (%25).

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by K. Generous to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting for the appropriation of \$161,857 for well 2A and to sign contracts for this project funded by USDA (75%) and the Town (25%). Unanimously voted.

23. Discuss and possibly act on price increase for fees at the Transfer Station

Walter Bell, Transfer Station Superintendent will be invited to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting to explain the increase in fees. Tabled until next month.

24. Selectman's report

1. Bobcats seen in Hanover – Contacted DEP; their response: very few problems associated with bobcats. The only attacks were cases of rabid bobcats which are very few. DEP has informed their Environmental Law Enforcement of this sighting.

2. Report from DEP re: Mohegan Tribe Country Club – residents on Pautipaug Hill have concerns of their wells going dry as a result of the system. C. Osten spoke with DEP and was informed that if wells go dry, Mohegan would be responsible under the fail safe condition in any permit.

3. Injunction on Sweet property School Hill Rd - property line has been damaged, injunction on Forester. J. Theroux, our Inland Wetland Officers refers this to one of the worse destruction of wetland in 20 years. In litigation.
4. Head race - quotes were distributed to Selectmen- signs to be installed around headrace; G. Cheney working in conjunction with Historical Society. K. Generous would like a hard copy.
5. J.P. Maguire Associates, Inc. will perform an assessment of all buildings in town for (Disaster cleaning and property reconstruction, wind, water, mold and other damages as well.) field survey will be kept on file. Disaster relief would be provided. Board will Invite J.P. Maguire to their next meeting in September for a presentation. The Board of Education will also be invited to attend. Several other towns and Boards of Education have signed on.
6. SECOGG mileage rate increase from 50.5 to.58.5; Selectman normally follows this process asking the Boards approval. Board agreed to the increase. Effective August 29, 2008
7. Senior Coordinator's, Assessor's and Trooper's report reviewed.
8. Review Town roads; long term plan – asked the Board to consider what roads to complete in 09/10 Budget year.
9. Received Grant allocation for dam repairs & improvements to the Sewage Treatment Plant
10. Review Four-Day work weeks from survey results completed by CCM
11. Forest Management plan review- recommended forest management plan project will begin at the Baltic Reservoir.
12. Library/Grist Mill –new lights and emergency lighting installed recommended by OSHA. To be presented at the next Library Board meeting.
13. K. Generous – Town meeting resolution for \$500,000 open space land acquisition grant was adjourned to referendum. Questions the dates chosen before the meeting and believes the referendum date should have been made by the Board of Selectmen; C. Osten stated the date was decided by the Town Clerk; time frame to allow sending out absentee ballots. K. Generous asked what the process is for determining where the grant money goes. C. Osten stated grant money will go into the general fund but then brought to a town hearing. K. Generous stated that the Board of Selectman received 3 petitions, had 21 days to respond and no action was taken; believes the Board violated petitions submitted. C. Osten stated petitions were sent to attorney for his review. Attorney's response; petitions were not accurate and were unlawful and or frivolous.

25. Public comment

M. Smith –questioned the procedures on petitions submitted to the Board of Selectmen; not interested in sending information to Attorney Cody. Board of Selectmen should have all information before each meeting. Charter Commissions members; states original request list was not used to replace vacancies.

L. Putez - Bobcat sighting, Lincoln's Bicentennial, Head Race Museum, RiverPark, Charter Commission

K. Generous – residents not informed of Mukluk property and states forums should be held; town's form of government. Stated Economic Development cancelled their meetings, lack of quorum.

26. Adjournment

Motion made by K. Generous seconded by E. Meadows to adjourn meeting at 9:10PM.
Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman