

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday September 9, 2009
5:30PM
Court Room**

1. Call to order

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:30PM. Also present were Selectmen Edward Meadows and Kevin Generous. Also present: Gerry Meadows, Donald Boushee, Jeannette Deschamps, Chris Mueller, Keith LaLiberte, Linda Puetz, and Claire Glaude

2. Pledge of allegiance

Led by E. Meadows

3. Review and act on minutes of August 26, 2009

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the minutes of 8/26/09. Unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by K. Generous to accept the request for tax refund for overpayment of taxes for David Weekley \$15.63. Unanimously voted.

5. Solar Energy – presentation by SolarWrights

Tabled until the next Board of Selectmen's meeting on October 14, 2009.

6. Discuss and possibly act on the Town Solar System

Tabled

7. Sprague Land Preserve – Discuss permission and release of liability form for hunting, fishing or other recreation participation.

**Written by Town Attorney and approved at the Conservation Commission meeting.

**Hunting will be limited to Monday through Friday 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour before sunset; Saturday limited time 10:00AM. No hunting on Sundays.

**Bow hunting for deer, steel shot for pheasants, and no rifles

**Signs will be placed at Mukluk; notification on website and Our Town Newsletter.

**Trial basis for one year

**Encouraged to wear specific colors

**10 permits limit per day.

**Sprague Rod and Gun Club will issue out seasonal permits (not included in the 10 daily passes)

**DEP Officers will be policing area.

**No fees associated with this release form

Permission and Release form will read: Permission and Release of Liability Hunting Participation (leaving out fishing or other Recreation Participation).

Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the rules set forth by the Conservation Commission; bow hunting for deer, shot gun for hunting with steel shot for pheasants and amending the title by removing the language that says all other recreation; this will be on a one year trial basis.

Information will be posted on the website, Town Hall and up on the Mukluk property. Unanimously voted.

8. Discuss and possibly act on adoption of an ordinance regulating building and maintenance of approaches to any street or highway in the Town of Sprague and call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.

Ordinance 1977-1 and Ordinance 1990-2 combined – the sidewalk maintenance is new clarifying cleaning off the sidewalks by residents; driveway remains the same. Board to review draft ordinance, tabled until next month.

Copies of Ordinance 1977-1 and Ordinance 1990-2 will be sent to K. Generous.

9. Selectman's report

No report

Discussion with Board Members:

*Board of Finance authorizes expenditures from Open Space/Recreation Account.

*average monthly income from cell tower - \$1,200.00

*Conservation Easements – money used for reservoir maintenance and occasionally on River Park.

*K. Generous will ask Town Treasurer for clarification of expenditures.

*Labor union meetings in Town Hall - none

*Flags set on first day of school, Labor Day and September 11th.

*Grant – State Troopers ATV – using it when he deems it necessary; overtime grant from the State. Cost: gas only. Discussion: eventually will need to replace.

*Update from Grant Writer – available next meeting.

10. Public comment

G. Meadows – questioned the time of day for hunting at Mukluk and concerned about Public Works employees wearing safety vests on the site. Not in favor of hunting.

K. Laliberte –suggested that the Town set up a performance bond when we choose a Solar Company.

Stan Walczyk – solar energy presentation; questioned some of the numbers in the solar analysis spread sheet. C. Osten referred him to P. Silvestri for specific questions and concerns

Linda Puetz – suggested forming an Energy Committee.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by K. Generous to adjourn meeting at 6:15PM. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman