

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2009
5:30PM
Court Room
Postponed to November 18, 2009
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Revised**

1. Call to order

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten First Selectman at 5:30PM. Present were Selectmen Edward Meadows and Michael Collins. Also present: Gerry Meadows, Pat Deslandes, Denise Lance, Joe Osowski, Walter Treat, Claire Glaude, and Richard Douville.

The Board welcomed Michael Collins.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by M. Collins

3. Review and act on minutes of October 14, 2009

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten to accept the minutes of 10/14/09. M. Collins abstains, not present for this meeting.

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

Motion made by M. Collins, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the request for tax refund for overpayment of taxes for Steve Riel for \$13.83. Unanimously voted

4. Set meeting dates for year 2010

Motion made by M. Collins, seconded by E. Meadows to hold the Board of Selectmen meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:15PM. February 17th meeting will be on the third Wednesday. Unanimous voted

5. Act on request for proposal for the Town's proposed 2010 Small Cities Community Development Program and Related programs.

Motion made by M. Collins, seconded by E. Meadows to accept the proposal from L. Wagner & Associates for services for the 2010 Small Cities Application. Unanimously voted.

6. Act on appointment for Chris Mueller as alternate to the Conservation Commission at the recommendation of the Conservation Commission.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to appoint Chris Mueller as alternate to the Conservation Commission. Unanimously voted.

7. Act on appointment for Gerry Stefon as alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission at the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to appoint Gerry Stefon as alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Unanimously voted.

8. Discuss and possibly act on reappointment for David Gustafson as Tree Warden.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to reappoint David Gustafson as Tree Warden. Unanimously voted.

9. Act on reappointment for the Town Attorney

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to reappoint Richard Cody for the Town Attorney. Discussion: M. Collins asked if the Town has looked into other Attorney's. C. Osten stated that the Town is satisfied with R. Cody's work. C. Osten and E. Meadows voted yes. M. Collins opposes.

10. Act on appointment for Megan Feinglass as a regular member to the Library Board at the recommendation of the Library Board.

Motion made by M. Collins, seconded by E. Meadows to appoint Megan Feinglass as a regular member to the Library Board. Unanimously voted.

11. Act on appointment for Judy Synnett and Roy Hoffman as Co-Municipal Historians for the Town of Sprague at the recommendation of the Sprague Historical Society.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to appoint Judy Synnett and Roy Hoffman as Co-Municipal Historians for the Town of Sprague. Unanimously voted.

12. Act on accepting a contract from Senior Citizen Publishing Inc., Newsletter Publisher

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to accept the contract from Senior Citizen Publishing Inc. Discussion: This Company will produce 300 Senior Newsletters 12 times per year at no cost. Unanimously voted.

13. Act on appointment for Peg Delaney for the Commission on Aging at the recommendation of the Commission on Aging.

Motion made by M. Collins, seconded by E. Meadows to appoint Peg Delaney to the Commission on Aging. Unanimously voted.

14. Act on appointment to for Deb Aldridge 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 Deb Aldridge as alternate to the Library Board. Unanimously voted.

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to add 14a to the Agenda Unanimously voted.

14a. Act on appointment - Changing Walter Bell's status from a regular member to an alternate member for the Conservation Commission.

Motion made by E. Meadow, seconded by M. Collins to appoint W. Bell as alternate member to the Conservation Commission. Unanimously voted.

15. Ratify the agreement between Willimantic Waste and the Town of Sprague.

Special Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 24th at 6:15PM for further discussion. Copies of the agreement will be e-mailed to the Board for review. This agreement will hold until the original agreement with SCCRA expires. Tabled.

16. Review and possibly act on the revised Blight and Noise Ordinance

- The Blight and Noise Ordinance was passed by the Board of Selectman on July 8, 2009. Blight Ordinance was reviewed by State of CT DEP and is subsequently recommending the Town to make amendments. Noise Ordinance was reviewed by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and recommendations for changes will be made.
- Copies of the revised ordinances will be sent to the Board for review for next meeting.

Tabled until the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

17. Selectman's report

--Grant received in the amount of \$2,500 to complete plans for handicap fishing ramp; map review by Board. Town will apply for a construction grant for completion of the project.

--Contacted all Chairs regarding vacancies; waiting for a response.

--Town meeting to be held on December 15th – three ordinances (1) Blight requested by Zoning Officer (2) Noise requested by town residents (3) Parking on High Street requested by Resident Trooper and the acceptance of \$675,000 Small Cities grant for ADA Grist Mill.

-- Our town – notification to residents regarding changes in the flood maps; can be reviewed at the Town Hall.

-- Public hearing December 8th with Dept. of Transportation - bridge over Beaver Brook, route 207.

--Christmas lights will go up at the Veterans memorial park last week in November.

--Changes to the stream flow regulations – impacts every municipality in the state.

--Bids sent out for Baltic reservoir dam – projection next June 2010

--Bids out for LaCroix Bridge

--CIP projects and the 5 year plan for review at the next Board meeting.

M. Collins asked for a list of people who were elected on November 3rd, and for a report that lists check numbers, dollar amounts and vendor name.

M. Collins - issue with W. Schnip is not the Boards function.

M. Collins to video tape meetings.

18. Public comment

G. Meadows –Did not receive the Our Town Newsletter until the 12th of the month. Concerns re: dumpster on Riverside Drive.

D. Lance – stated it was a pleasure having M. Collins on the Board; nice to hold a meeting that's civil.

J. Osowski questioned the noise ordinance re: the 100 ft distance and the time limit. C. Osten stated the time frame is not in the ordinance except noise creating by refuse and solid waste before 5am and after 10pm. He also asked what prompted the town to do a handicapped fishing. C. Osten's stated she's an avid person who strongly promotes ADA.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by M. Collins to adjourn meeting at 7:05PM. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman