

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Joint Meeting  
Board of Finance, Planning & Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Economic Development  
Commission, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, Conservation Commission, Charter  
Commission, Sprague Water & Sewer, Sprague Library, Sprague Recreation Committee, Sprague  
Senior Coordinator, Resident Trooper, Baltic Fire Department, Sprague Housing Authority, Uncas  
Health District, Building Official, Sayles School**

**Tuesday April 15, 2008  
5:30 PM  
Court Room**

Attended: Catherine Osten, Edward Meadows, Ray Arpin, Richard Waterman, Donald Boushee, Patrick McCormack, Walter Treat, Mike Lance, Todd Hastings, Robert Tardif, Claude Pellegrino, Susan Zimmerman, Cheryl Blanchard,

**1. Update on current Town Projects**

- Budget Hearing April 21, 2008 – budget printed in Our Town for residents to review. Pre-bid meeting on sidewalks May 1, 2008 – project to start in 3-4 wks.
- In conjunction with sidewalk, stonewall in front of grist mill will be set off 5ft. sidewalk will line up with existing sidewalk on Main Street.
- Pave Grist Mill/Library parking lot – light installed
- To complete rest of Main St. Hanover and Wendy Drive with additional town aid money. Repave around Town hall for seniors to have easier access to the elevator.
- River park is up and running
- Reviewing all fees charge by Commissions.
- DPH, DEP, local legislatures and fed legislatures moving in an appropriate fashion re: \$1,000,000.
- Skate park – location tennis court, mid June
- Requesting through State Traffic Commission for crosswalk from town hall to parking lot.

**2. Discuss goals of each Board, Committee, Commission, Agency and Department regarding their vision of the future of the Town of Sprague.**

Ray Arpin Zoning Board of Appeals - reviewing fee schedule.

Dick Waterman Planning & Zoning Commission - fees increased two years ago; if increased, recommends the First Selectman to adopt an ordinance. Public hearing will be held on May 7, 2008 re: proposed zoning regulation changes; Highlights are explained on the Town's web site.

Donald Boushee Conservation Commission – ongoing projects. April 26<sup>th</sup> Earth Day. Receiving top soil and seed from the recreation trails grant; inmates will be help plant grass, flowers to plant, grills ordered and received. Clearing and cutting trees to expose the head race to preserve the heritage of the town, stairs to River Park. On going Mukluk hikes with flyers distributed to both schools, 90 percent of work done marking the border May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM speaker on how to preserve family land-tax benefit.

Claude Pellegrino Board of Finance – Budget Hearing on April 21, 2008 at 7:00PM. Board of Finance recommending ¼ mil decrease. Education budget came in significantly low. Bulk of mill increase last year due to Cariustar. C. Osten stated Amgraph is adding 30,000 square ft addition, Mohegan Tribe building a new club house over 7 million and 7 million in land reconstruction. Board of Finance considering changing accounting firms.

Patrick McCormack Uncas Health District – Emergency preparedness, working regionally; will keep the town informed. C. Osten looking at radios and considering working with B. Tardif, school personnel and State Trooper for a day of disaster; sometime in the fall. B. Tardif looking to do a mock drill when school is in session. Library holding a farmer market, permits needed, Country Club is reopened after water test passed. Health education for teens well attended, injury prevention for recreation grant; helmets. Rural

health clinic for senior center if funding is approved. More services for seniors visiting Hanover and Versailles. Preconception care grant treating pregnant females. Infectious disease working with school nurse getting children immunized, relocation fees in budget; cost \$4,400 per family for relocation

Cheryl Blanchard Board of Education/Senior Housing – 2008/2009 School budget very low. Lowest paid administration and teachers; losing good teachers. Upgrade senior housing alarm system. C. Osten suggest after Water & Sewer issues, the town needs to rehabilitate starting from scratch or revamping each unit.

Bob Tardif Fire Department - Membership down. Enrolled two junior members on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Addressed suppression to water needs. Fifth year the Fire Dept. has applied for a new pumper; hoping to work together through the budget process or grants. Hydrant fixed on Park Drive.

Walter Treat Water & Sewer – well 2a reporting of algae. Water & Sewer is looking at using the wells at the reservoir. C. Osten states the town is required to repair the dam which is the most expensive portion of this project; 3.5 million to repair. After sidewalks are completed, start with the dam project; time line 5 to 6 year project.

C. Osten – concerts at gazebo park, block parties, power installed at river park for future events.

Mukluk – hold a referendum for open space grant \$500,000.

River Park – to install ribbon rail around dry hydrant

Baltic Mill property – locks installed on gates, property owned by Town.

### **3. Adjournment**

Motion made by C. Osten, seconded by E. Meadows to adjourn meeting at 7:00PM. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten  
First Selectman