

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday April 23, 2008  
8:15 AM  
Court Room**

**1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order by Catherine Osten, First Selectman at 8:15 AM. Present were: Selectmen Edward Meadows and Kevin Generous.

**2. Authorize First Selectman to call the Annual Budget Meeting for the 2008/2009 budget to be adjourned to a Referendum.**

Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by C. Osten. Discussion: K. Generous stated that holding a Town Meeting would give the taxpaying public, as tradition has always allowed, an opportunity to reduce items in the budget, since only a relatively few are involved in preparing the final budget. C. Osten in favor of a referendum. Motion passed. K. Generous opposed.

**3. Discuss and possibly act on decision to apply to DECD for grant funds for improvements to Sprague for the FY 2008/2009.**

General consensus from the town - continue Baltic sidewalk project, phase II.

- Motion made by C. Osten, seconded by K. Generous to continue the second phase street project. Unanimously voted.

**4. Act on Resolution – Small Cities Program Sidewalks**

- Motion made by E. Meadows, seconded by K. Generous to approve the resolution for the small cities program sidewalks. Unanimously voted.

**RESOLUTION  
Town of Sprague  
Small Cities Program**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Sprague make an application to the State for \$500,000 in order to undertake the Baltic Sidewalk and Street Improvements – Phase II and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the State financial assistance imposed by Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of Connecticut General Statutes
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Sprague in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 is hereby approved and that Catherine A. Osten, First Selectwoman is directed to execute and file such application including a Program Income Reuse Plan, if applicable, with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Sprague.
3. That it hereby adopts or has adopted as its policy to support the following nondiscrimination agreements and warranties provided in subsection (a) (1) of Connecticut General Statutes sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a,

respectively, as amended by Public Act 07-247 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142 and, and for which purposes the "contractor" is Town of Sprague and "contract" is said Assistance Agreement:

The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut. The contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to insure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex mental retardation, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved.

The contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation.

## **5. Act on proclamation for Citizen of the Year recipient - Robert P. Reed, Station Manager WICH/WCTY/WNLC/WKNL**

- Motion made by C. Osten, seconded by K. Generous to act on a proclamation for Citizen of the Year recipient Robert P. Reed, Station Manager WICH/WCYT/WNLC/WKNL. Unanimously voted.

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, The Citizen of the Year Award given by the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut has been awarded annually for the last 58 years to a man or woman for outstanding contributions to the civic and business community; and

**WHEREAS**, **Robert P. Reed** is a Norwich native and received his primary education in the Norwich school system; and

**WHEREAS**, **Robert P. Reed** is a loving husband of Mary and the son of Past Citizen of the Year Recipient Richard P. Reed who won the award in 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, **Robert P. Reed**, serves on eight boards and volunteers for seven civic and religions organizations and is a man revered and respected by all; and

**WHEREAS**, under the guidance and leadership of **Robert P. Reed**, Hall Communications has grown and prospered re-emphasizing his love for the Rose City.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sprague, do hereby recognize and congratulate **Robert P. Reed**, a very worthy recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Eastern Connecticut Citizen of the Year Award.

**Dated this Fifth Day of May, 2008**

## **6. Adjournment**

- Motion made by K. Generous, seconded by C. Osten to adjourn meeting. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten  
First Selectman