

Agenda

Special Joint Meeting

Board of Finance, Planning & Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Economic Development Commission, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission, Conservation Commission, Charter Commission, 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 July 29, 2008

5:30 PM

Court Room

Attended: Susan Zimmerman, Claude Pellegrino, Patrick McCormack, Christine and Kord Jablonski, Richard Waterman, Arthur Spielman, Ray Arpin, Steve Smock, Joe Osowski

1. Discuss and update the Boards, Commissions, Agencies and Departments on the development of the Town Charter.

Sprague Charter Commission – Susan Zimmerman reviewed draft copies of the proposed Charter.

- Goals – Creating a government compatible with Sprague's unique history, Setting forth authority of each official, board and commission, Establishing executive, legislative and administrative authority, Creating a citizen guide to town government
- Proposed Changes – five-member Board of Selectman, four-year term for First Selectman and Board of Selectmen, Appointed Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, and Tax Collector, Appointed Planning and Zoning Commission, Majority representation consistent with state statutes.
- Public hearing to be scheduled in September 2008
- Draft Charter due February 12, 2009 to the Board of Selectman
- Final report due April 30, 2009
- Town vote General Election 2009
- Members of various boards have attended meetings with the Charter Commission voicing their opinion.
- Hired versus appointed sections to be reviewed.
- Charter Commission welcomes feedback from all interested boards and commissions.
- C. Osten suggests draft to publicized in the Our Town and on the Town's website before the September 2008 hearing
- Page 19 6.3 appointment and removal of town employees and appointed officials – need to look at the wording, asking consultant for specific language on this issue.

2. Discuss and update the Boards, Commissions, Agencies and Departments on the water situation.

- Wells #4 & #5 back on line permanent and stable.
- Sufficient water to develop the Baltic Mill site.
- Receiving a grant from the State of Connecticut to aid dam repair
- No secondary water which would put us in a predicament
- Current plan to put reservoir on line and use wells as backup
- Working on well #2a with a grant of \$160,000 may only receive 75%
- Moving forward with repairing the dam

3. Discuss and update the Boards, Commissions, Agencies and Departments on grants and other funding options.

- Dam repair - Seeking interior appropriations
- Grant - LaCroix Road Bridge – Town may not accept; supports only a small portions may consider other funds for this project
- Baltic Mill cleanup - \$500,000 Connecticut Brownfield's Grant
- Baltic Mill -6 individual groups looking at Baltic Mill site for development; cleanup necessary around property before shown to developers.
- Grant - \$50,000 senior van handicapped accessibility – allows seniors to get around easier.
- Grant - \$8,800 Elderly and Disabled - transportation for seniors to appointments, shopping, etc.
- Grant - \$500,000 Open Space Land Acquisition
- Grant - \$1,000,000 Baltic Reservoir dam repair.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman