

**Rescheduled**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday April 16, 2014**  
**7:00PM**  
**Court Room**  
**Postponed from April 9, 2014**  
**Revised**

**1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 7:00PM. Present was Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Cheryl Blanchard. Also present: Gerry Stefon, Kathleen Boushee, Donald Boushee, Barbara Baldino, Ali Blanchard, David Gustafson and Lawrence Nadeau.

**2. Pledge of allegiance**

Led by C. Osten

**3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting March 20, 2014 and Special Meeting March 20, 2014**

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by Denise Dembinski to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting 3/20/2014 and Special Meeting 3/20/2014, unanimously voted.

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

None

**5. Presentation by Donald Boushee and Lou Dzialo –present a plan and a timeline proposal for the meadow on the Watson Farm section of the Sprague Preserve**

- Conservation Commission advised the Board of Selectmen with their plan to restore/preserve the meadow (7 acres) on the Watson Farm. Hayfields; very passionate of this important asset to our town.
- Harvest the hay once a year. Mr. Spielman is willing to help manage the meadow once the Commission has restored the meadow.
- Core of volunteers – Commission Members, Gerald Stefon, Richard Waterman, Lou Dzialo, Armand Glaude.
- Use remaining funds from the conservation budget to purchase seed.
- Concerns of the Board of Selectman: going forward are the members going to be responsible regarding invasive plants growing around the edges and border making sure there is enough light around the field? D. Boushee stated that the meadow would be seeded once and thereafter the invasive plants would be handled by the Commission. D. Boushee to come up with a plan.
- C. Osten asked if D. Boushee would take on the field on Baltic Hanover Road. D. Boushee stated that the Commission would look into this.

**6. Lawrence Nadeau – To discuss the purchase of property acquired by the Town of Sprague on Westminister Road (Lillquist) – 3.1 acres**

Nadeau is interested in purchasing the 3.1 acres on Westminister valued at \$38,000; a piece of property that is landlocked abutting his property. The sale of town property has to be approved by a Town Meeting. Purchase would include taxes owed, interest, and lien fees totaling \$4,273.37.

- Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting for the sale of this property, unanimously voted.

**7. Discuss and possibly act on 2014-15 Budget and changes made by the Board of Finance**

- Board of Finance made some changes.
- Preview what those changes are
- Most line items stayed flat
- First Selectman 6% increase to put that salary above the Executive Asst.
- All elected officials and part-time employees stayed flat.
- Auditing went up
- Bookkeeper 1.5% increase

- Pool secretaries – Asst. Pool Secretary #1 no increase, Asst. Pool Secretary #2 brought salary up to what the Asst. Pool Secretary #1’s salary.
- Grant writer 1.5% increase
- Wetlands increase 3%
- Public Works - eliminated 1 part time position
- Fire marshal , Zoning Officer, Building Official – no raise
- Commission aging 1.5% increase
- Van drivers 1.5 percent – change in hours
- Library Asst. – change in hours

**8. Act on appointment to the Sprague Housing Authority – Kenneth Allyn**

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to appoint Kenneth Allyn to the Sprague Housing Authority, unanimously voted.

**9. Act on resolution: Historic Documents Preservation Grant from the State of CT Library in the amount of \$5,000.**

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to act on the resolution for Historic Documents Preservation Grant from the State of CT Library in the amount of \$5,000 unanimously voted.

**RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED: That Catherine A. Osten, Sprague First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Preservation Grant.

**10. Selectman’s report**

- Public Works – reviewed jobs completed.
- Signs to be installed
- Vehicle repair
- Brush mower head – roadside mower and other significant repairs.
- Sweeping on going
- Working on Elm and Maple - 8 weeks till completion
- Clean up swail Hanover Versailles – trees – clean up Riverside drainage
- Grist Mill
- Navy men –to do cleanup in town

**11. Public comment**

B. Baldino –asked what the dollar amount is that constitutes a mill. C. Osten stated that Claude Pellegrino has that information.

She would like the State Trooper to be more visible. There are times when she sees cars speeding and passing on Westminister Road; this happens often. C. Osten states that the Trooper always asks if people have written license plate numbers down which helps him catch the violators.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to adjourn meeting at 8:10PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman