

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday November 14, 2012
5:00PM
Court Room**

1. Call to order

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:01PM. Present were Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Dennison Allen. Also present: Jim Ennis, Kathleen LaTour, Joan Ryan, and Kord Jablonski

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by D. Dembinski

3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting October 10, 2012 and Special Meeting November 8, 2012.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to accept the minutes of 10/10/12 and 11/8/12 unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by D. Dembinski seconded by D. Allen to approve the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Sharron Thompson for \$104.33 and Evan Wynn for \$125.06, unanimously voted.

5. Presentation by SCRRA – renew contract

Dave Aldridge and Allan Deckman, representatives from SCRRA spoke to the Board regarding the renewal of the Town's contract.

- SCRRA was formed in 1985 implementing 11 towns.
- Sprague signed a Municipal Solid Waste Services Agreement on November 13, 1985.
- Requesting Sprague to extend the existing contract; the Agreement will expire in February 17, 2017 at which this time the Town will revisit the agreement again.
- Town benefits staying with SCRRA - Price Stability – provided members with a stable tipping fee at or below \$60.00 for 12 consecutive years.
- SCRRA has saved the Town a considerable amount of money – Services at no additional cost, tub grinder, single stream and hazardous household waste collection.

C. Osten spoke to our Town Attorney, Richard Cody; he suggested bringing the contract to a Town Meeting for approval of the extension.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting regarding the extension of SCRRA's contract, unanimously voted.

6. Discuss and possibly act on signing a Statement of Support for the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment rights Act (USERRA) for the safety of their jobs.

Tabled

7 Review Local Traffic Authority responsibilities

C. Osten reviewed the responsibilities of the Local Traffic Authority: She is responsible for street signage, making sure streets are safe; Speed limits are controlled by the State of Connecticut. C. Osten was asked by residents to increase the visibility of our State Trooper. C. Osten said the Resident Trooper's is involved not only in traffic control but Burglary, robbery sexually assaults, domestic violence and drug traffic (this all requires time) which limits his time to enforce. D. Allen said people drive too fast; should have a Trooper on site

D. Dembinski states that the Trooper is very busy. The Board told J. Ennis they would meet sometime in October because September's meeting was scheduled for an extensive workshop that needed to get done. This took up much time, which irritated a huge audience at that meeting.

8 Act on new and current signage

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten that the stop signs at the intersection of Spruce Street and Main Street Hanover remain where they are. D. Dembinski and C. Osten voted yes, D. Allen opposes.

9 Act on appointment to the Sprague Water & Sewer Authority – Manuel Meneses.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to appoint Manuel Meneses to the Sprague Water & Sewer Authority, unanimously voted.

10 Act on Resolution – America the Beautiful Urban Forestry Grant.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to approve on the Resolution for the America the Beautiful Urban forestry Grant. Discussion: no cost to the town for planting the trees; in the previous year, Conwood Foresters and the Conservation Commission did the planting, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the First Selectman, Catherine A. Osten, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Sprague a certain contract with the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut for the fulfillment of the America-the-Beautiful grant, and is authorized to affix the Town Seal.

11 Act on Resolution – 5310 Grant Program Purchase Wheel Chair-Accessible Motor Vehicles for Elderly and/or Disabled Persons Transportation Programs.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to approve the resolution for the 5310 Grant Program Purchase Wheel Chair-Accessible Motor Vehicles for Elderly and/or Disabled Persons Transportation Programs, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing the First Selectman, Catherine A. Osten, to sign and execute Agreements and Contracts, along with all necessary Agreement/Contract documents, on behalf of the Town of Sprague with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut.

12 Selectman's report

- Public Works Dept. – roof replacement at the softball field concession stand, generator building radios on Plain Hill. Maintained road at the Sprague Land Preserve.
- Signs put up around town – Hanover Cemetery Association will install the sign on Potash Hill Rd.
- Roadside mower and chipping along roadside in progress
- Sweeping is completed.
- Working on vehicles for the winter
- Would like to repair the two roofs on the dugouts at the little league field.
- Resident Trooper's report reviewed by the Board.

13 Public comment

Kathleen LaTour – addressed her issue on stop signs and states Sprague should be in compliance with the NUTCD (National Committee on Uniformed Traffic Control Devices). Says every state should be in compliance and wants the Town to do a traffic study.

Jim Ennis – upset that D. Dembinski brought up his name in item #7 and wasn't able to speak at that time. Traffic Study should be done before stop signs are put up. Asking about rules that are being changed; C. Osten stated that when she

receives the report, she will send them to J. Ennis. He asked about the traffic studies which were submitted to the Board of Finance. C. Osten stated that the Board of Finance did not appropriate the money for the study.

14 Adjournment

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to adjourn meeting at 6:30PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman