

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 13, 2015
5:00PM
Court Room**

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:04PM. Present were Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Cheryl Blanchard.

2. Pledge of allegiance

Led by C. Blanchard

3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting of April 8, 2015

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the minutes of 4/8/2015, unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the request for tax refund for overpayment of taxes for Corelogic for \$1,676.33 and Michael McKeever for \$22.28, unanimously voted.

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the request for tax refund for overpayment of taxes for John Zinavage for \$18.95, unanimously voted.

5. To consider and act upon resolutions recommending bond and note authorizations to finance various appropriations included in the proposed fiscal year 2015-2016 capital budgets and call a Special Town Meeting to act on such recommendations.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to act upon resolutions recommending bond and note authorizations to finance various appropriations included in the proposed fiscal year 2015-2016 capital budgets and call a Special Town Meeting to act on such recommendations, unanimously voted. Discussion: \$80,000 appropriation for the school will be used for a variety of projects over a 4 year span. Unanimously voted.

RESOLUTIONS OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Item 1:

WHEREAS, the Town's capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 includes appropriations in the aggregate amount of \$744,000 for costs related to various projects constituting the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Road Management Program; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize borrowing to defray such appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$744,000 to finance appropriations in the aggregate amount of \$744,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for costs related to various projects constituting the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Road Management Program, as follows: pavement overlays (\$564,000 appropriation), chip sealing (\$100,000 appropriation) and installation of ribbon guardrail (\$20,000 appropriation) to such roads as determined by the First Selectman, and the Town's share after application of a Community Development Block Grant of the costs of reconstruction of a portion River Street with a permeable interlocking concrete pavement road surface, concrete sidewalks and concrete curbing (\$60,000). The appropriations may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, engineering fees, legal fees, related land or easement acquisitions, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of

borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing recommended above for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on _____ day, _____, 2015 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 2:

WHEREAS, the Town's capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 includes an appropriation in the amount of \$20,088 for costs related to the acquisition and installation of security cameras at various Town sites; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize borrowing to defray such appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$20,088 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$20,088 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for costs related to the acquisition and installation of security cameras at various Town sites. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing recommended above for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on _____ day, _____, 2015 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 3:

WHEREAS, the Town's capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 includes an appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 for costs related to improvements to the Baltic Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize borrowing to defray such appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for costs related to improvements to the Baltic Fire Station. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing recommended above for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on _____ day, _____, 2015 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 4:

WHEREAS, the Town’s capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 includes an appropriation in the amount of \$80,000 for costs related to upgrades to the Sayles School building; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize borrowing to defray such appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$80,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for costs related to upgrades to the Sayles School building. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing recommended above for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on _____ day, _____, 2015 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 5:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague appropriate \$40,000 for costs related to the issuance of bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance all or a portion of the aggregate \$884,088 appropriations included in the Town’s capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 referred to in agenda items 1 through 4, inclusive, above, and to pay all or a portion of the net interest cost on the Town’s aggregate \$1,077,755 bond anticipation notes maturing September 15, 2015; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to finance said appropriation. The appropriation may be spent for financial advisory fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs and expenses related to the financing of all or a portion of said aggregate \$884,088 appropriations.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing recommended above for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on _____ day, _____, 2015 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

6. Act on Resolution – STEAP Grant between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Sprague for the reconstruction and drainage improvements to Grandview Drive and Sunrise Drive.

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the Resolution for the STEAP Grant between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Sprague for the reconstruction and drainage improvements to Grandview Drive and Sunrise Drive, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement entitled “STEAP Grant Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Sprague for the Reconstruction and Drainage Improvements to Grandview Drive and Sunrise Drive utilizing State Funds under the Small Town Economic Assistance Program”

7. Act on subordination agreement – Edward and Carol Kane

Motion made C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the request from Edward and Carol Kane asking that Sprague be the first Lean holder due to an equity loan that they are applying for. The Subordination Policy states that the owner requests the Town to waive the default provision of repayment at the time or remortgage or refinancing stated in the Promissory Note which secures the Town's Mortgage, unanimously vote.

8. Selectman's report

- Solar Panel Project – will inform the Board when it goes to the Citing Council.
- Pautipaug Hill - adding drainage and repaving top seam; holding retainage until project is complete.
- First, Second and Third – road project to be completed in June.
- Bridge over Beaver Brook Rte. #207 – will be completed in one week.
- Surveying bridge Rte. #97 – will start construction in 2017; same façade as the bridge on Rte. #207 by Dimitri's.
- Sweeping – in progress, Public Works working overtime on a couple of days a week; money in the budget. Sweeping done by June 1st.
- Tub grinder used at Transfer Station – encouraging people to use the mulch.
- Grant Writer has taken another job – advertising for the position; will be reduced to part-time.
- Senior Center - Driver hired to replace Leo Halle
- C. Osten's goal for next year is no tax increase.
- C Blanchard – requesting a Quick books report for the checks issued each month as part of her responsibility as Selectman; mainly for awareness. C. Osten will speak with the Bookkeeper on this issue.
- American Legion Statue – paid by the American Legion.
- Sidewalks – on some sections the covering came up; they will be repaired.

9. Public comment

None

10. Adjournment

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to adjourn the meeting at 5:45PM unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman

These minutes subject to approval at June 10th meeting.