

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday August 8, 2012
5:00PM
Court Room**

1. Call to order

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:03PM. Present were Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Dennison Allen. Also present: Jim Ennis.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by D. Allen

3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting July 11, 2012.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to accept the minutes of 7/11/12, unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Raymond Allyn for \$121.18, unanimously voted.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to approve the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Dorothy Tetreault for \$9.15 and Nelson Courtemanche for \$255.49, unanimously voted.

5. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to convey (Map 16, Block 6, Lot 19) to Mrs. Lucretia Krodel for \$1,500.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to convey (Map 16, Block 6, Lot 19) to Lucretia Krodel for \$1,500, unanimously voted.

6. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting for \$24,000 in legal fees for FY 11/12.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting for an appropriation of \$24,000 in legal fees for FY 11/12. Discussion: this is in direct relation to the tax appeal case regarding Cascade Boxboard Group and Oaktree Packaging, unanimously voted.

7. Review the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Annex for the Town of Sprague.

Tabled; The Board will review the plan and send back to C. Osten

8. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to dispose of Town owned property on 23 West Main Street Baltic, CT.

- Town will own this property on a strict foreclosure
- C. Osten will have CLA Engineers make an assessment on the property.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to call a Special Town Meeting as soon as the cost is released from CLA Engineers, unanimously voted.

9. Selectman's report

- Selectmen's mileage- C. Osten reviewed with the Board a spread sheet calculating miles for meetings that each Selectman will attend in FY 2012/2013. Selectmen will receive mileage pay for meetings and appointments. All in agreement to receive compensation. Will submit a proposal to the Board of Finance next FY 2013/2014.

- Location of Elections- Fire Department is contemplating renovating part of the firehouse. Registrars sent a letter to the Board with their concern; reducing the size of the hall that holds the elections. The alternative location would be Sayles School which raises some concerns: parking, lengthening school schedule etc. Fire Department will not go forward until they bring this to the appropriate people.
- Roadside mowing still in progress – should be completed by August 10th.
- Sweeping – all roads completed.
- Signs – some more signs to be installed; no parking, skate board park, cemetery. Lou Dzialo donated a gate for the Sprague Land Preserve.
- Sprague Land Preserve - reviewing hunting times for the fall.
- Solar Panel updates –after two grants received the total cost for the town is \$38,521.03 of which had now been reduced by \$7,106.17.
- Sprague Public Schools – Board reviewed the report by Judy Benson Clark and Jean Wierzbinski; the report consists of how the school has been built up from 1999 till present and where the school stands now in comparison with the State.
- Resident Trooper – Call for Service – reviewed report
- Utility work to be performed in the Town of Sprague – AT&T installing equipment on Bushnell Hollow Road.
- Shetucket Village Project will be completed in 4 months; less time expected due to a grant received from CHFA in the amount of \$2,000,000.

10. Public comment

- Jim Ennis – sent a letter to the Selectmen requesting the removal of stop signs installed in July on Main Street in Hanover.
- C. Osten quoted State Statutes Sec. 14-298 State Traffic Commission
- C. Osten has the authority to place stop signs in town per her conversation with Dept. of Transportation; DOT authorizes the changes for speed limits.
- Jim Ennis asked why Main St. Hanover is different from any other road in town. C. Osten stated it's a pedestrian issue.
- J. Ennis stated that no vote was ever taken at a Board of Selectmen's meeting to install the signs.
- C. Osten respects the way Jim Ennis brought this to the table. She will give people a little more information if this occurs again.
- A clear disagreement – C. Osten willing to reassess this situation.
- C. Osten will put this issue on the agenda for the Selectmen's meeting within the next two months; to notify Jim Ennis when posted.

11. 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