

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 14, 2014
5:00PM
Court Room**

Revised

1. Call to order

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:00PM. Present were Selectman Denise Dembinski and Cheryl Blanchard.

2. Pledge of allegiance

Led by C. Blanchard

3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting April 16, 2014 and Special Meeting April 30, 2014.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the minutes of 4/16/14 and 4/30/14. Discussion: Regular meeting 4/16/14 changes made to item #5 item#7 and item #11, unanimously voted as amended.

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

None

5. Act on Resolution: to apply and accept the Main Street Investment Fund (MSIF) Grant funding through the Department of Housing in the amount of no greater than \$500,000 and to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate and sign any and all necessary documents pertaining to the grant.

Receiving the Main Street Investment Fund Grant would allow the town to continue the downtown Baltic upgrades.

Motion made by Denise Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to accept the Resolution to apply and accept the Main Street Investment Fund (MSIF) grant funding through the Department of Housing in the amount of no greater than \$500,000 and to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate and sign any and all necessary documents pertaining to the grant. D. Dembinski and C. Osten voted yes, C. Blanchard opposed.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply and accept the Main Street Investment Fund (MSIF) grant funding through the Department of Housing in the amount of no greater than \$500,000.

Certified Resolution of The Board of Selectmen

1. Adopted the **Baltic Master Plan** as created in September 2006 and updated by the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Sprague on September 12, 2012 and on May 14, 2014;

and

2. Authorizes submission of the funding application – **Main Street/Rt. 97 Sidewalk Extension** under the Main Street Investment Fund Program referenced in Section 78 and 79 of the PA 11-1 in the amount of no greater than \$500,000;

and

3. Identified, **Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman**, as an individual authorized to sign the Main Street Investment fund application and administer project.

6. Re-adopt the Baltic Village Center Master Plan.

Baltic Village Center Master Plan continues to be updated once projects are completed.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to re-adopt the Baltic Village Center Master Plan. Discussion: C. Blanchard did not have the document at hand before the meeting and would like to have information sent to her prior; board members need to review information before the meeting in order to make necessary decisions. C. Blanchard asked to table until she has more time to review.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to re-adopt the Baltic Village Center Master Plan pending further discussion if necessary. C. Blanchard opposed.

7. Selectman's report

- Discussion on promoting smoke-free parks in Sprague – question went out in the Newsletter for residents to respond—one letter received by the Board; written sarcastically, C. Osten opposed to more rules and regulations; no one to enforce it. The Board chose to not adopt any smoking rules at this time and may revisit this issue at a further date.
- Trooper report reviewed
- Mowing - about ½ day away from finishing the brush part of mowing
- Sweeping ongoing
- Shetucket Village – Phase II to be completed by June 1st. Open house scheduled sometime in October when Phase III is complete.
- Pump Station II – scheduled for completion in August
- Grants – STEAP Grandview and Sunrise - CDBG 2nd, 3rd, and Main Street infrastructure.
- Sayles School Safety projects to be completed in June.
- End Hunger program – Norwich will come and feed Sprague children in need up to 18 years of age. Start at 9:00am at St. Michael's Center (Recreation Program) and lunch at the Grist Mill. Eligible for 5 years without reapplying.
- C. Blanchard – rehabilitation on Main Street sidewalks; says there was a lack of communication regarding notifying residents to move their vehicles before the project started. C. Osten stated flyers were put out.

Public comment

None

8. Adjournment

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to adjourn meeting at 5:40PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman