

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday July 8, 2015
5:00PM
Court Room**

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Catherine A. Osten at 5:07 PM. Present were Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Cheryl Blanchard. Also present: Vincent Carver

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by C. Blanchard

3. Review and act on minutes of June 10, 2015

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the minutes of 6/10/15, unanimously voted.

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

None

5. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept the dam on Beaver Brook from Thomas Bombero.

Tabled. C. Osten to meet with Department of Environmental and Energy; more information for the next meeting.

6. Retrieve the action of the Special Town Meeting held on July 2, 2015 for three drainage easements between the Town of Sprague and James and Eva Santacroce 40 Grandview Drive, Grahm Andruskiewicz 27 Grandview Drive and Mandi M. Hassle 18 Sunrise Drive and act in concurrence with the said Town Meeting.

Motion made by C. Osten, seconded by D. Dembinski to retrieve the three drainage easements between the Town of Sprague and James and Eva Santacroce 40 Grandview Drive, Grahm Andruskiewicz 27 Grandview Drive, Mandi M. Hassle 18 Sunrise Drive and act in concurrence with said meeting, unanimously voted..

7. Act on appointment to the Eastern Regional Mental Health Board; Susan Zimmerman.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to appoint Susan Zimmerman to the Eastern Regional Mental Health Board, unanimously voted.

8. Selectman's report

- Fusion – C. Osten was over at Fusion due to numerous calls regarding trucks that were seen loading up tools and other items. Tax warrants have been issued and now in foreclosure. State Trooper arrived asking to unload the truck: signed court document to take nothing out of the building.

- Westminister Road – Trooper Silvestri has been patrolling the area looking at the speed of traffic; along with another Trooper from Lisbon. He states traffic was going below 35 mph. Because of the road being so narrow, it appears traffic is moving faster. C. Osten will be applying for another rural road speed enforcement grant. Public Works to install a sign.
- Mr. Carver spoke at this time– he reiterates that the road at his property is much wider. Suggest that a stop sign installed in the area coming from Canterbury into Sprague might stop the speeding. C. Osten is trying to take care of the situation by a variety of means; she has asked third shift to look at this area. Discussion regarding Westminister Road will continue at the next meeting.
- Pautipaug Hill Road – D. Dembinski and C. Blanchard each looked at Pautipaug Hill Road regarding the request for a stop sign at the corner of Dows Lane. Both agreed that a stop sign would not be the answer. C. Osten may put up a sign that says “oncoming traffic does not stop”. This issue will continue to be discussed.
- Bids - Sunrise Drive and Grandview Drive advertised in the Bulletin on 7/9/15.
- Inland and Potash Hill Road – three contractors to bid.
- Fired Dept. –air conditioning – waiting for prices to come in.
- Sayles School – discussion on playground.
- Sweeper – USDA funding.
- Chipper – great purchase for the town; worked well for the last storm.
- Potash Hill Road - tree rotting; and some brush cleanup on various roads from the storm.
- Town Meetings – to be held re: budget vs actual did not go over in total; only some line items are.
- Veterans Memorial Park – fundraisers for more memorials.

9. Public comment

None

10. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman

These minutes subject to approval at August 12th meeting.