

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday September 14, 2016
5:00PM
Court Room**

1. Call to order

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:00PM. Present were Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Cheryl Blanchard. Also present: Lorraine Allen, Paul Martin, Rebecca Chapman, Dave Aldridge, Barbara Baldino, Tom Girard, and George Allen.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by C. Osten

3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting August 10, 2016.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the minutes of 8/10/16, unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Jennifer McCluskey for \$27.44, unanimously voted.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Arthur Paul III for \$105.34, unanimously voted.

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Jonathan McCluskey for \$49.33, unanimously voted.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Vault Trust for \$155.56 unanimously voted.

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Hyundai Lease Tilting Trust for \$212.85, unanimously voted.

5. Presentation by SCRRA – MSA Extension between SCRRA and the Town of Sprague (renew contract).

Presentation - by David Aldridge – extending the 30 year relationship for another 10 years. SCRRA has saved the town a tremendous amount of money. Propane tanks, tires, fluorescent bulbs, oil, mattresses, freon, wood grinder service and household hazardous collections; other towns are being charged. Agreement will be sent to the Town Attorney for his review and discussion to follow at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting. SCRRA would like to hold a hazardous waste collection in our town; C. Osten will speak with the Transfer Station Superintendent to see if this can be handled at the site.

6. Discuss letter from parents/residents of Sayles School Committee – Boards of Education and Municipal Oversight.

C. Osten has not received the information from the three organizations (State Board of Education, Education Commission and Legislation) tabled until information is received.

7. Discuss with Les Shull or designee on fire hose.

Board of Finance asked the Board of Selectmen to investigate on the fire hose. Tom Girard stated that a 1,000 ft.

hose was given to the Scotland Fire Department but was returned back to the town because it was unserviceable. The Town did not receive any compensation for this; the Baltic Fire Dept. purchased a new 1,000 ft. hose through a grant. The Board is concerned that if anyone got hurt with the faulty fire hose, who would be liable. In the interim they could use it but they would have to test it first. The Board agreed that if it is not serviceable, the Baltic Fire may give it to Scotland.

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski - the hose that the Scotland Fire Department was using is now to be donated back to the Scotland Fire Department and the Scotland Fire Department assumes the liability for the use of hose that the Baltic Fire Department does not need, unanimously voted.

8. Discuss Water & Sewer Authority's Solar Proposal

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to accept the solar array at the Sprague Treatment Plant. The Water and Sewer has approved this their meeting; would be a savings of approximately \$200,000 in electric uses; assuming no responsibilities for this project. Town Attorney has already reviewed this, unanimously voted.

9. Discussion – Policies, Procedure, Rules

Public Comment and fixed assets to be discussed at next meeting, tabled.

10. Selectman's report

Sweeper - completed received a grant from the state for a roadside mower to share with the Towns of Franklin and Bozrah.

Roadside mowing - most work is done; blade attachment will be added to the roadside mower to cut large hedges that run along the road.

Crosswalks and stop bars – completed

11. Public comment

P. Martin – thanked C. Osten on job well done with the Board of Education re: the unspent money on the playground. Checks left in the drawer, should be investigated. He asked if C. Osten had more information from the state regarding the school.

C. Blanchard – concerned of the flags that are ripped and bent on telephone poles. Stating it is too expensive to keep up and we should respect them. Questioned the brush leading up to the fence at the Hanover playground.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to adjourn the meeting at 6:00PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman

Minutes are subject to October 12th meeting.