

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday June 12, 2013
Court Room
5:00PM**

1. Call to order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by D. Allen

3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting April 10, 2013 and Special Meetings of April 16, 2013 and May 2, 2013.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to approve the minutes of 4/10/13, 4/16/13 and 5/2/13, unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to accept the tax refunds for overpayment of taxes for Irene Foster for \$54.78, Corelogic RE Tax Service for \$1,129.14, John Kuzmenko for \$49.40, Ari Fleet LT for \$252.79, Therese Lance for \$129.74, Karie Gray for \$124.36 and William Avery for \$862.47, unanimously voted.

5. Discuss and possibly act on an Ordinance Concerning the Withholding of Permits for building for Nonpayment of Municipal Taxes and Charges and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.

Board of Finance requested that the Board of Selectmen look into an ordinance concerning the withholding of permits for building for nonpayment of municipal taxes and charges. C. Osten presented the ordinance to the Board for review. Board of Selectmen will discuss at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.
Tabled.

6. To consider and act upon resolutions recommending bond and note authorizations to finance various appropriations included in the proposed fiscal year 2013-14 capital budget, and call a Special Town Meeting to act on such recommendations.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolutions recommending bond and note authorizations to finance various appropriations included in the proposed fiscal year 2013-2014 capital budget and call a Special Town Meeting to act on such recommendation. D. Dembinski and C. Osten voted yes, D. Allen abstained.

RESOLUTIONS OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Item 1:

WHEREAS, the Town's proposed capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 includes appropriations in the aggregate amount of \$545,000 for costs related to various projects constituting the Fiscal Year 2013/14 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 \$545,000 to finance appropriations in the aggregate amount of \$545,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 for costs related to various projects constituting the Fiscal Year 2013/14 Road Management Program, as follows: (a) pavement overlays to all or portions of High Street, Waldo Road, Brookside Avenue, Kendall Road, Pautipaug Hill Road and other roads as deemed necessary by the First Selectman (\$400,000 appropriation), (b) pavement grinding and chip sealing to all or portions of Plain Hill Road, High Street and Waldo Road, and other roads as deemed necessary by the First Selectman (\$100,000 appropriation), (c) installation of ribbon guardrail to all or

portions of Fullertown Road, Wendy Drive and Potash Hill Road, and other roads as deemed necessary by the First Selectman (\$20,000 appropriation), and (d) drainage improvements to all or portions of Main Street Hanover, Pearl Street, Westminster Road and other roads as deemed necessary by the First Selectman (\$25,000 appropriation). 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 Tuesday July 2, 2013 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 proposed capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 includes appropriations in the aggregate amount of \$50,000 for costs related to the reconstruction of portions of Elm Street and Maple Street with a permeable interlocking concrete pavement road surface, new concrete sidewalks and concrete curbing with replacement of existing driveway aprons and miscellaneous drainage improvements; 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 \$50,000 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 for costs related to reconstruction of portions of Elm Street and Maple Street with a permeable interlocking concrete pavement road surface, new concrete sidewalks and concrete curbing with replacement of existing driveway aprons and miscellaneous drainage improvements. The appropriations 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 Tuesday July 2, 2013 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, 2014 includes an appropriation in the amount of \$84,000 for costs related to the refurbishing of the Town Garage; 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 \$84,000 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$84,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 for costs related to Town Garage refurbishing. The appropriations 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 Tuesday July 2, 2013 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 proposed capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 includes an appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 for costs related refurbishing of the Grist Mill; 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 \$100,000 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 for costs related to refurbishing of the Grist Mill. The appropriations 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 Tuesday July 2, 2013 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 5:

WHEREAS, the Town's proposed capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 includes an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 for costs related to the acquisition of a mower, chipper, backhoe, and such other equipment as deemed necessary by the First Selectman; 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 \$50,000 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 for costs related to the acquisition of a mower, chipper, backhoe, and such other equipment as deemed necessary by the First Selectman. The appropriations may be spent for acquisition costs, equipment, 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 Tuesday July 2, 2013 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 6:

WHEREAS, the Town's proposed capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 includes an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 for costs related to infrastructure improvements to the Town's water and sanitary sewer systems; 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 \$25,000 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 for costs related to Improvements to the water system including inflow and infiltration rehabilitation , water line upgrades, acquisition of spare pumps, various sanitary sewer system improvements and rehabilitation of portions of the water system infrastructure. The appropriations may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, engineering and consultant fees, 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 Tuesday July 2, 2013 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 7:

WHEREAS, the Town's proposed capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 includes an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 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 \$25,000 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 for costs related to improvements to the Baltic Fire Station. The appropriations may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, engineering and consultant fees, 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 Tuesday July 2, 2013 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 8:

WHEREAS, the Town's capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 includes an appropriation in the amount of \$139,380 for costs related to Sayles School Facility upgrades; 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 \$139,380 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$139,380 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 for costs related to Sayles School Facility upgrades, as follows: (a) water heater replacement (\$12,000 appropriation), (b) emergency access box (\$7,000 appropriation), (c) interior doors lock down system (\$45,000 appropriation), (d) entry door additional security (\$10,300 appropriation), (e) exit door monitors (\$4,700 appropriation), (f) door and window safety (\$19,000 appropriation), (g) playground replacement (Town's share) (\$16,380 appropriation), and (h) carpet replacement (\$25,000 appropriation).

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 Tuesday July 2, 2013 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 9:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague appropriate \$80,000 for costs related to the issuance of bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance all or a portion of the aggregate \$1,018,380 appropriations included in the Town's capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 referred to in agenda items 1 through 8, inclusive, above, and to pay all or a portion of the net interest cost on the Town's \$2,300,000 bond anticipation notes maturing November 15, 2013; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 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 \$1,018,380 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 Tuesday July 2, 2013 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

7. Discuss and possibly act on Resident Trooper Contract – Resolution

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to accept the Resident Trooper Contract- Resolution, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That Catherine A. Osten, the First Selectman be and herewith authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Sprague with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police for the services of one Resident State Trooper for the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.

8. Discuss and possibly act on a Resolution for land to be conveyed from Deborah A. Lillquist to the Town of Sprague and to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to accept the resolution for land to be conveyed from Deborah a. Lillquist to the Town of Sprague and to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special town Meeting when appropriate. Discussion: taxes are not being paid, D. Lillquist willing to turn the land over to the town; land lock piece of property; Board discussed what the town should do with this property. Unanimously voted

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to add Item 8a. to the agenda, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Deborah A. Lillquist has offered to convey to the Town of Sprague by a deed in lieu of foreclosure a parcel of land carried on the land records of the Town's Tax Assessor's office as Map 22, Block 1, Lot 12 (Westminister Road, Baltic, Connecticut) more particularly described in Schedule A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, Deborah A. Lillquist has offered said deed in lieu of foreclosure in full and final satisfaction of all real estate taxes due the Town of Sprague assessed with respect to Westminister Road, Baltic, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the taxes due through December, 2012 are \$3,540.65 and said property is assessed at a value of \$38,700.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Sprague hereby accepts the tender of the deed in lieu of foreclosure by Deborah A. Lillquist, conveying to the Town of Sprague title to her property at Westminister Road, described above, in full and final satisfaction of said taxes assessed with respect to said property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Clerk Claire B. Glaude, CCMC, be and hereby is authorized to accept said deed on behalf of the Town of Sprague, and to cause it and any other necessary documents to be filed or recorded.

8a. Discuss and possibly act on the Inter-Municipal Agreement and Resolution

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to accept the Inter-municipal Agreement and Resolution on the grant for the equipment that the town will be sharing with other towns and call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

The Legislative body of the Town of Sprague met on June 13, 2013 and adopted a resolution by the vote of 3 to 3 which endorsed the Intertown Capital Equipment Purchase Incentive (ICE Program proposal referenced in Section 75 of Public Act 11-57 (An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements.))

9. Discuss and possibly act on applying for land acquisition grant and purchase of the Robinson property and Bombero property and to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate and sign all necessary documents.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to apply for a land acquisition grant and purchase of the Robinson property and Bombero property and to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate and sign all necessary documents, unanimously voted.

10. Selectman's report

- Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement (CMERS) – Public Works agreement pension plan. C. Osten contacted CMERS to come up with two agreements, one for Public Works and one for Town Employees. Total of \$70,000 a year to provide a pension for both groups. The question will be on the ballot this fall.
- Signs – working progress; replacing stop signs under the new rules.
- Roadside mowing on going
- Trucks - are all in good shape and running
- Sweeping – 7 miles to complete
- Restrooms – under construction for ADA compliant
- Pump stations I – under construction and coming along.
- I & I analysis – to be completed in July
- River park stage – Eagle Scout, Austin Deschamps, did a wonderful job. Outlined all gardens built a bench, cleaned off the bank.
- Library – homemade beer and chili fundraiser on June 22, 2013. \$ 20.00 a ticket, Silver hammer band is playing.

- Concerts – will be starting at the River Park; donations by Mohegan Sun
- Movies – three to four movies will be held at the River Park this summer.
- Carnival – first week of July at the Babe Blanchette field by Norwich VFW – duck race for American legion
- D Allen – asked how long the dry hydrants been blocked at the little league field. C. Osten said 2 are not working, filled with silt; she will locate another spot in town and remove the existing ones.
- D. Allen – spending too much money on reams of paper to send out the budget; there is a cost fact to sending it out twice. C. Osten stated that this year was such a different year and had more information to provide to residents; she wanted people to know what was happening in addition to the revaluation impact and new assessments.

11. Public comment

None

12. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman