

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 9, 2013
5:00PM
Court Room
Revised**

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:05PM. Present were Selectman Dennison Allen and Denise Dembinski.

2. Pledge of allegiance

Led by D. Dembinski

3. Review and act on minutes of December 12, 2012

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

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

None

5. Discuss and possibly act on signing a State of Support for the Uniformed Services Employment and Employment rights Act (USERRA) for the safety of their jobs.

Tabled

6. Discuss Baltic Mill Development

- Richard Dvorak, a resident of Franklin and a member of the Franklin Fire Department, presented a plan to develop the Baltic Mill site; His plan includes parking, shops, restaurants and 2 bedroom apartments
- \$1,000,000 in Phase III study cleanup has been completed on this property.
- Work with DECD to clean up property, get project moving. Also funding under Brown Field development project.
- Commissioner of DECD to be contacted by C. Osten re: grants for removing stacks
- C. Osten suggested that the next step would be to go to Planning and Zoning Commission for a pre-application. P&Z's next meeting is scheduled for 2/6/13.
- Planning and Zoning has zoned this area for mixed use.
- The Board would like to see this property developed. They will work together with R. Dvorak to see this project go forward.
- C. Osten suggested acquiring Jim Frazer's property; the Board strongly suggests that Richard get an evaluation on the cost to remove unsafe smoke stack.

7. Act on resolution: Historic Document Preservation Grant from the State of Connecticut Library in the amount of \$4,000.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to adopt the resolution for the Historic Document Preservation Grant from the State of Connecticut Library in the amount of \$4,000, unanimously voted.

Resolution

RESOLVED: That Catherine A. Osten, Sprague First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

8. Act on resolution: SCCOG's 2013 Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Applications.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to adopt the resolution for the SCCOG's 2013 Regional Performance incentive Program Grant Applications, unanimously voted. The town will give endorsement to SCCOG, no cost to the Town, Unanimously voted.

Resolution of Endorsement

The Legislative Body* of the Town of Sprague met on January 9, 2013 and adopted a resolution by the vote of 3 to 3 which endorsed the **Regional Performance Incentive Program** proposal referenced in Section 5 of Public Act 11-61 (An Act Concerning Responsible Growth).

- Comprehensive Plan and Model for Shared Services, Staff, and Equipment by SCCOG Municipalities.
- Fire and Other Emergency Services Equipment Analysis and Plan.

Such proposals, submitted by the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG), are attached to and made a part of this record.

9. Discuss and possibly act on the Sprague Emergency Elections Procedures.

The Board needs more time to review, tabled until next month's meeting.

10. Discuss and possibly act on closing the lower portion of Pautipaug Hill from Lacroix Road to Route 207.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded D. Dembinski that C. Osten recommends Pautipaug Hill Road be closed and no thru traffic. Discussion: C. Osten is applying for a Hazardous Mitigation Grant through DEMHS; Tony Scalara from DEMHS recommends closing the road. A sign that says pass at your own risk will be installed. C. Osten also recommends that residents use Franklin Road or Lacroix Road while working on the funding for Pautipaug Hill Road. D. Dembinski agrees to close the road for safety purposes until the money becomes available. D. Allen states because of the condition he also agrees to close the road. He also stated that repairs to this road were discussed previously, but other roads were chosen to be completed and being the condition it is in we need to close it, unanimously voted.

11. 2013/2014 Capital Projects discussion

Board reviewed the 2013/2014 Capital Plans for the following, all in agreement.

- Water Sewer Treatment buildings
- Town Equipment
- Town Roads
- Town Buildings
- Parks recreation, open space and cemeteries

12. Selectman's report

- Vehicles – continuing maintenance and inspections
- Mowing – everything has been mowed.
- Reservoir -Cleaning banks
- Christmas lights removed from park
- Complaints about Fusion Mill regarding strong odor; Selectmen to inform C. Osten if they receive complaints.

13. Public comment

D. Allen – through the Salvation Army Angels program, he received 4 gift cards and was able to help four families in town.

14. Adjournment

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to adjourn meeting at 7:30PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman