

**Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting
Wednesday December 11, 2013
5:00PM
Court Room
Revised**

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:00pm. Present was Selectman Denise Dembinski.

2. Pledge of allegiance

Led by D. Dembinski.

3. Review and act on minutes of November 13, 2013.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to approve the minutes of 11/13/13, unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to approve the tax refund for overpayment of taxes for Kevin Lee \$19.37, unanimously voted.

5. Act on schedule of meetings for calendar year 2014.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to approve the schedule of meetings for calendar year 2014. The Board will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00pm, unanimously voted.

6. Act on appointment for Eric Wold as Alternate to the Sprague Conservation Commission.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to appoint Eric Wold as Alternate to the Sprague Conservation Commission, unanimously voted.

7. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate on an advisory question for the possibility of a change in the Pension Plan for Public Works and the same question for the non-union workers in the Town.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate on an advisory question for the possibility of a change in the Pension Plan for Public Works and the same question for the non-union workers in the Town, unanimously voted.

8. Discuss and possibly act on joining C- PACE and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to discuss and possibly act on joining C-PACE and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate. Resolution to be approved by the Legislative Body. C-PACE is a financing tool which would allow businesses for energy upgrades in buildings and would be financed with third party capital and repaid through an assessment on the building's property tax bill. This was brought to the Boards attention by Ken Fontaine, President Amgraph Packaging Co., unanimously voted.

9. Act on re-appointment to the Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority – Dennison Allen.

No action taken – refer to 9a.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to add 9a to the agenda, unanimously voted.

9a. Act on re-appointment for Dennison Allen and appointment for Jack Malone to the Southeastern CT Water Authority Advisory Board

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to re-appoint Dennison Allen to the Southeastern CT Water Authority Advisory Board and appoint Jack Malone to the Southeastern CT Water Authority Advisory Board, unanimously voted.

10. Act on appointment to the Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority – Jack Malone.
No action taken – refer to 9a.

Motion to add 10a through 10j to the agenda

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to add 10a through 10j to the agenda, unanimously voted.

10a. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-RD for a Preplanning Grant for the Emergency Operations Plan in the amount of \$13,500.00.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolution to resolve to apply to USDA-RD for a Preplanning Grant for the Emergency Operations Plan in the amount of \$13,500, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for a Preplanning Grant for the Emergency Operations Plan in the amount of \$13,500. The estimated cost for the completion of this plan is \$18,000.

10b. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-RD for a Safe Yield & Quality Analysis Grant in the amount of \$22,500.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolution to resolve to apply to USDA-RD for a Safe Yield & Quality Analysis Grant in the amount of \$22,500, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for a Safe Yield & Quality Analysis Grant in the amount of \$22,500. The estimated cost for the completion of this Safe Yield & Quality Analysis Grant is \$30,000.

10c. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-RD for a Community Facilities Grant- Over Rail Mower, in the amount of \$54,950.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolution to resolve to apply to USDA-RD for a Community Facilities Grant –Over Rail Mower in the amount of \$54,950, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for Community Facilities Grant- Over Rail Mower, in the amount of \$54,950. The estimated cost for the completion of the Community Facilities Grant – Over Rail Mower is \$157,000.00

10d. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-RD for a Community Facilities Grant – Sweeper Truck in the amount of \$61,250.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolution to resolve to apply to USDA-RD for a Community Facilities Grant – Sweeper Truck in the amount of \$61,250, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for Community Facilities Grant- Sweeper Truck, in the amount of \$61,250. The estimated cost for the completion of the Community Facilities Grant - Sweeper Truck is 175,000.00.

10e. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-RD for a Community Facilities Grant – Vacall Catch Basin Cleaner in the amount of \$52,500.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolution to resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for a Community Facilities Grant – Vacall Catch Basin Cleaner in the amount of \$52,500, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for Community Facilities Grant- Vacall Catch Basin Cleaner, in the amount of \$52,500. The estimated cost for the completion of the Community Facilities Grant – Vacall Catch Basin Cleaner is \$150,000.

10f. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-RD for a Community Facilities Grant – Brush Chipper in the amount of \$13,422.15

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolution to resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for a Community Facilities Grant-Brush Chipper in the amount of \$13,422.15, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for Community Facilities Grant- Brush Chipper, in the amount of \$13,422.15. The estimated cost for the completion of the Community Facilities Grant - Brush Chipper is \$38,349.

10g. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-RD for the Sayles School Boiler in the amount of \$24,220.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolution to resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for the Sayles School Boiler in the amount of \$24,220, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for the Sayles School Boiler, in the amount of \$24,220. The estimated cost for the completion of the Sayles School Boiler is \$69,221.

10h. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-RD for the Fire Department Door Replacement in the amount of \$3,720.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolution to resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for the Fire Department Door Replacement in the amount of \$3,720, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for the Fire Department Door Replacement, in the amount of \$3,720. The estimated cost for the completion of the Fire Department Door Replacement is \$10,631.

10i. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-RD for the Town Hall Entry Door Replacement in the amount \$5,170.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolution to resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for the Town Hall Entry Door Replacement in the amount of \$5,170, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for the Town Hall Entry Door Replacement in the amount of \$5,170. The estimated cost for the completion of the Town Hall Entry Door Replacement is \$14,792.

10j. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-RD for the Fire Department Mezzanine in the amount of \$20,481.65.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the resolution to resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for the Fire Department Mezzanine in the amount of \$20,481.65, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through its governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for the Fire Department Mezzanine in the amount of \$20,481.65. The estimated cost for the completion of the Fire Department Mezzanine is \$58,519.

11. Selectman’s report

- Boards and Commissions – published openings in the Our Town Newsletter to fill vacancies. One ZBA member and one alternate needed, one regular member and 2 alternates needed, need more members on the Recreation Committee, one member needed for the Agriculture Commission, two individuals applied for the opening on the Board of Finance.
- Resident Trooper Report– Board review monthly services that occurred in the month of November.
- EMS Report – Board reviewed annual call from December 1 – November 30, 2013.
- TVCCA Report – Board reviewed services to the town 10/1/12 – 10/30/13. 362 households applied for a variety services. Town supports TVCCA each year through our budget.
- Completed jobs- almost finished with Baltic Reservoir – Veterans Memorial-removed bushes, repainted Lords Bridge
- Sweeper – need to complete Baltic Hanover Rd, Pearl, Church, Kendall, Lacroix and Woodland.
- Signs to be installed –road ahead Parkwood/Main, Pearl/Main, Welcome to Sprague Versailles and Westminister, Hanover Cemetery sign, speed limits Hanover Versailles, Riverside Drive, Limiting parking West Main Street
- Mowing- putting brush mower on.
- Trucks – work completed; added filters and blades. 2003 dump truck oil change.
- Grist mill – should be completed by December 14th.
- Garage – project should be completed by the end of year. New doors, new wash bay, new floors, fire alarm system completed, heating system completed.
- Working on capital plans for next month.

12. Public comment

None

13. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman