

**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday March 12, 2014  
5:00PM  
Court room**

**Postponed to  
Thursday March 20, 2014  
5:30PM  
Court Room**

**1. Call to order**

Meeting called to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:41PM. Present was Selectman Cheryl Blanchard and Denise Dembinski

**2. Pledge of allegiance**

Led by C. Blanchard

**3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting February 12, 2014 and Special Meetings February 20, 2014, March 4, 2014.**

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the minutes of 2/12/2014, 2/20/2014 and 3/4/2014, unanimously voted.

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

None

**5. Baltic Fire Department tax abatement – requesting \$13,000 to the Board of Selectmen.**

Letter sent by Les Shull Fire Chief for the Baltic Fire Engine Co. re: Ordinance 2001-3 which specifies that the Baltic Fire Dept. make a proposal of the total amount for tax abatement to the Board of Selectmen by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to accept an abatement of \$13,000 for the fiscal year 2014/2015, unanimously voted.

**6. Act on appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission – John Adams alternate**

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by d. Dembinski to appoint John Adams as alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission, unanimously voted.

**7. Discuss and possibly act on promoting smoke-free parks in Sprague.**

The Board suggested putting this in the Our Town to see what response they get from the residents. To be discussed again at the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to add 7a. to the agenda, unanimously voted.

**7a. Discuss and possibly act on the 2014/2015 budget.**

The Board reviewed the 2014/2015 budget and will recommend it to the Board of Finance.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to accept the 2014/2015 budget with a tentative approval pending review by the Board of finance. Discussion: the Board of Finance may ask the Board of Selectmen for additional recommended cuts. C. Blanchard has not had enough time to read over the budget. D. Dembinski and C. Osten voted yes. C. Blanchard abstained.

#### **8. Selectman's report**

- Sweeper – scheduled to start sweeping
- Mowing – brush head is out now , chopping before the leaves come out
- Vehicles – everything is caught up
- Equipment – reviewed by Armand Glaude
- Truck 25 – in the shop - DOT inspected
- Tuck 3 – battery box rotted out
- Roadside mower –needs pins and bushings and needs other work
- Pay loader - needs pins and bushings
- High Street – grate installed
- Signage – waiting for permits for Amgraph
- State Trooper Report – reviewed monthly reports
- I & I working on things
- Bridge at Dimitri's – road stopping – year long contract
- Shetucket Village – residents will be moving into the 2<sup>nd</sup> renovated building by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Fire Department – work to start on doors, last year's budget.
- Grist mill – outside work to be completed
- Maple Street– Water & Sewer fixing water problem
- CDBG – 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **9. Public comment**

None

#### **10. Adjournment**

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to adjourn meeting at 6:30PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten  
First Selectman