

**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday December 10, 2014  
5:00PM  
Court Room  
Revised**

**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: Gregory Schlough, Dick Shriver and John Forbis from the Mentor Group, Phyllis Nelson Southeastern Connecticut Women's network and Dan Tropiano.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by C. Osten

**3. Presentation by the Mentoring Group - Economic Development**

- Update from C. Osten— enterprise zones in Sprague; Hanover Mill area, M. S. Chambers, Baltic Mill site stretches pass Mattern Const., Papermill gate past Amgraph, and Versailles Main St. where the old mill was. C. Osten will need support with expanding the enterprise zone done through legislation.
- C. Osten was informed that Fusion contacted a realtor putting their property on the market.
- Shetucket Village completed; Department of Housing attended the open house and was very impressed with the project. C. Osten was given a letter as to who would be interested in housing for the mill site.
- John Forbis analysis – thanked the Board for meeting with them 2 months ago. He mentioned that the town should speak to companies that are interested in coming to Sprague. Being proactive is very important.
- John Forbis - Presented two spreadsheets –Board reviewed explaining the process; phase (1) Identify Sprague metrics, \*economics, \*positive/negative elements, \* goals & objectives of program
- phase (2) Identify prospective emigrants, \*universe of candidates, \* candidates in attractive industries
- phase (3) reach out to candidates, \* triage & prioritize, \*close the sale.
- Suggest that one person come to Sprague to handle the initial market sale. Help companies relocate, individual to do the leg work and willing to travel. There would be a cost. C. Osten would like 5 to 6 people to help with phase 1 and 2.
- C. Osten would like to increase jobs in the region. Would also like a team that has the expertise in marketing.
- Mentor Group – will create a statement of work form to develop phase 1 and 2. C. Osten to sign the statement. 4 to 5 people to send resumes, to be reviewed by C. Osten.
- C. Osten asked for a dollar amount; this proposal to go to the Board of Finance for their approval.
- Estimate without committing – \$6,000 - \$8,500
- Mentoring Group – to draft up a statement of work form.
- D. Tropiano has an interest in the Economic Development Committee.

**4. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting November 19, 2014**

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the minutes of 11/19/2014, unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the tax refund for overpayment of taxes for Merchants Automotive Group for \$139.86, unanimously voted.

**6. Gregory Schlough – Relay for Life Community signs**

- On behalf on the Relay for Life, American Cancer Society, George Schlough presented two signs (This is a Community Relay for Life) to C. Osten. This was for their appreciation for all her support and recognizing the Town of Sprague.
- C. Osten’s help is inspired by her sister who died of cancer.

**7. Discussion – Fire Department medical calls, response time**

Tabled

**8. Discuss and possibly act on the recreation field regulations.**

Tabled

**9. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Meeting for the Foley Easement on Pautipaug Hill Road.**

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Meeting for the Foley Easement on Pautipaug Hill Road, unanimously voted.

**10. Act on schedule of meetings for calendar year 2015.**

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the schedule of meetings for calendar year 2015, unanimously voted.

**11. Selectman’s report**

Town Road Pavement Condition Report completed by CLA Engineers – Board reviewed the final report. Roads were rated with percentage ranges and categorized as A, B, C, D and F describing roads from good condition to failing condition. Report is on file in the Selectman’s Office.

**12. Public comment**

None

**13. Adjournment**

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to adjourn meeting at 7:00PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten  
First Selectman