

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday June 13, 2012
Court Room
5:00PM**

1. Call to order

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:07. Present were Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Dennison Allen.

2. Pledge of allegiance

Led by D. Allen

3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting May 9, 2012, Special Meeting May 17, 2012, Special Meeting May 30, 2012 and Special Meeting Emergency Management Shelter and May 30, 2012.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting 5/9/12, 5/17/12, Special Meeting 5/30/12 and Special Meeting Emergency Management Shelter 5/30/12, unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to approve the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Betsy Lamb for \$151.77 and Brenda Couture for \$187.05, unanimously voted.

5. Discuss and possibly act on resolution: Central Corridor Rail Passenger Service Brattleboro to New London.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to act on the resolution for the Central Corridor Rail Passenger Service Brattleboro to New London, unanimously voted.

The Central Corridor Rail Coalition

The Central Corridor Rail Coalition with the help of the Palmer Rail Coalition is moving towards accomplishing the reinstatement of passenger rail service along the Brattleboro, Vermont to New London, Connecticut rail line. We are asking your Town/City/University/College/Business to join in on this movement and for your cooperation and signatures to show your support of this project. We feel that passenger rail service along the Central Corridor will spur interest and economic growth in your Town/City/University/College/Business. Your Support of the reinstatement of passenger rail service along the Central Corridor will be used to represent your Town/City/University/College/Business in this movement. In this project, we are also seeking the reinstatement of passenger rail service in the Town of Palmer, Massachusetts. We believe Palmer is an important piece to this project. It has the potential to become a hub for passenger rail service to create an east to west connection from Boston to Chicago.

**TOWN OF SPRAGUE
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, undue reliance upon particular modes of passenger transportation and the neglect of others leads to inefficiencies, delays and wasteful allocation of resources; and

WHEREAS, a modern national passenger train system is an essential element of a truly balanced transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the low level or absence of passenger train service in certain areas of New England (including this municipality) has resulted in an unbalanced transportation system in those areas, contributing to traffic congestion, air pollution, wasteful expenditures, and growth control problems; and

WHEREAS, this municipality is gravely concerned with the disruption to this community caused by the aforesaid traffic congestion, air pollution, wasteful expenditures, and growth control problems; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen believes that comprehensive Intermodal transportation planning is necessary to resolve the aforesaid problems and that involvement at the local, state and regional levels is necessary to the preparation and implementation of such planning; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of this municipality believes that passenger train service is a necessary part of any comprehensive Intermodal transportation system:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sprague in the State of Connecticut that:

1. It is and shall continue to be the policy of this municipality to take all actions necessary to support the commencement and/or/expansion of passenger train service in and to this municipality and other areas of Connecticut? Vermont? Massachusetts?

2. This municipality supports the efforts of The Central Corridor Rail Coalition and The Palmer Rail Coalition to achieve the commencement and/or expansion of passenger rail service to the aforesaid areas.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATED: _____

6. Discuss and possibly act on expanding word count for the Legion in the Our Town Newsletter.

Tom Coletti, Legion's Adjutant, requesting to expand the word count in the Our Town Newsletter; currently the word count is 200; if allowed, this would trigger a larger newsletter raising the cost.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to send a letter to Tom Coletti, informing him to continue to submit the minutes with a word count of 200 and to put a notification on those minutes informing the public that full context can be read on the website. Unanimously voted.

7. Discuss and possibly act on Drainage Easement to be conveyed from Wayne E. Hutchinson and Debra A. Hutchinson to the Town of Sprague and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to accept the Drainage Easement to be conveyed from Wayne E. Hutchinson and Debra A. Hutchinson to the Town of Sprague and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate. Discussion:

- Lucretia Krodel interested in purchasing the property
- ½ acre on Main Street, drainage done by the Town., of Sprague
- Includes Lucretia Krodel's current driveway, assessed as non buildable.
- Lucretia Krodel has always maintained the grass; her responsibility to maintain the road going through this area will be mentioned in the deed.
- To be in concurrence with the Town's Plan of Conservation Development.

- Richard Cody, Town Attorney, to draft responsibilities in maintaining this property by the owner.
- Town Meeting to be held.

Unanimously voted.

8. Discuss and possibly act on Drainage Easement and Rights to discharge Storm water to be conveyed from Lucretia A. Krodel to the Town of Sprague and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to accept the Drainage Easement and Rights to discharge Storm water to be conveyed from Lucretia A. Krodel to the Town of Sprague and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate, unanimously voted.

9. Discuss and possibly act on land to be conveyed to Lucretia A. Krodel and to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.

Tabled.

10. Selectman's report

- Public Works Garage Improvements – out to bid.
- Grist Mill Project – plans not yet completed.
- Restrooms Town Hall – ADA accessible.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant through DEMHS– Pautipaug Hill Rd., Grandview Drive and Sunrise Drive. 75/25 match; application had passed the first round evaluation.
- TVCCA provided 200 homes in Sprague with heating assistance last winter.
- Foreclosure on 23 West Main Street.
- Eviction process on 41a West Main Street.
- 10 properties for foreclosure
- Superintendent Donna Leak's resigned; Ed Senesac acting as Superintendent
- Two members of the Board of Education resigned.

11. Public comment

None

12. Adjournment

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to adjourn meeting at 6:10PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman