

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday May 9, 2012
Court Room
5:00PM
Revised**

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:05PM. Present were Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Dennison Allen. Also present: Kevin Ring Scotland Historical Society.

2. Pledge of allegiance

Led by D. Dembinski

3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting April 11, 2012 and Special Meeting April 12, 2012 and April 19, 2012.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to approve the minutes of 4/11/12, 4/12/12 and 4/19/12, unanimously voted.

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

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to approve the tax refund of overpayment of taxes for Daryl Ceccarelli for \$38.52 and Corelogic R.E. Tax Service for \$5,992.04 unanimously voted.

5. Discuss the Town of Scotland's Farm Day May 19th – permission to close Waldo Road.

Kevin Ring, member of the Historical Society in Scotland asked permission to close Waldo Road for Farm Day on May 19th.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to give permission to close Waldo Road for Scotland's Farm Day May 19, 2012, unanimously voted.

6. Discuss and act on authorizing the First Selectman to call the Annual Budget Meeting for the 2012/2013 budget to be adjourned to a referendum.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Osten to authorize the First Selectman to call the Annual Budget Meeting for the 2012/2013 budget to be adjourned to a referendum. Discussion: D. Allen would like to see the town hold a budget meeting to allow town's people to discuss and make changes; D. Dembinski disagrees and states that people who are not involved and suddenly make changes to the budget do not realize or understand the impact it has on the town. C. Osten states that at the budget hearing no one had asked to cut items; at a referendum, more people have the opportunity to vote. C. Osten and D. Dembinski voted yes. D. Allen abstained. The Annual Budget Meeting will be scheduled for May 22, 2012 and adjourned to referendum on June 5, 2012.

7. Act on resolution – Department of Agriculture

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to accept the resolution for the Department of Agriculture. Agriculture Commission and the Town Planner will work together on four projects: 1. Identify properties for prime farm land. 2. Work on tomato project with the 3rd and 4th grade students. 3. Work on community garden for Shetucket Village. 4. Identify signage in farm areas. Unanimously voted

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the best interest of the Town of Sprague to enter into contracts with the Department of Agriculture.

IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION, the Honorable Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts dated May 9, 2012 on behalf of the Town of Sprague. The Honorable Catherine A. Osten First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional

information and execute such other documents as may be required by the State of Connecticut in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescission, and revisions thereto

8. Act on accepting a resolution to accept a USDA grant in the amount of \$25,000 for a Water Supply Plan for the Town.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to accept the resolution for a USDA grant in the amount of \$25,000 for a Water Supply Plan for the Town, unanimously voted.

SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION

9. Act on accepting a resolution to accept a USDA grant for Community Facilities (CF) in the amount of \$28,700 for the update of the Town Hall restroom in accordance with ADA regulations.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to accept a resolution to accept a USDA grant for Community Facilities (CF) in the amount of \$28,700 for the update of the Town Hall restroom in accordance with ADA regulations, unanimously voted.

SEE ATTACHES RESOLUTION

10. Discuss and possibly act on an ordinance for tax abatements for fuel cells and solar systems and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.

Tabled

11. Act on Resolution – Resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for a grant in the amount of \$250,000 for a New Duplex Suction Lift Station for Pump Station II.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for a grant in the amount of \$250,000 for a New Duplex Suction Lift Station for Pump Station II, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Town of Sprague, through it's governing body the Board of Selectmen, do hereby resolve to apply to USDA-Rural Development for a Grant in the amount of \$250,000. This grant is to aid in the cost of completing a New Duplex Suction Lift Station for Pump Station II. The estimated cost for the completion of this project is \$1,035,000.

12. Selectman's report

- Public Works Dept. – road sweeping in progress; using brush head on roads.
- Discussed Resident Trooper's salary which includes training and benefits.
- Board reviewed SCCOG's Regional Human Services information regarding services to Sprague.
- C. Osten thanked the Selectmen for working on the budget process and attending budget meetings.

13. Public comment

None

14. Adjournment

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to adjourn meeting at 5:35PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman