

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday July 9, 2014
5:00PM
Court Room**

REVISED

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Catherine A. Osten First Selectman at 5:00PM. Present were Denise Dembinski and Cheryl Blanchard. Also present: Lorraine Allen, Les Shull, and Noah Enslow.

2. Pledge of allegiance

Led by C. Blanchard

3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting of June 11, 2014.

Motion made by D. Dembinski seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the minutes of 6/11/14. There was discussion and amendments made, unanimously approved with amendments.

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

None

5. To consider and act upon resolutions recommending bond and note authorizations to finance various appropriations included in the proposed fiscal year 2014-2015 capital budgets and call a Special Town Meeting to act on such recommendations.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the resolutions recommending bond and note authorizations to finance various appropriations included in the proposed fiscal year 2014-2015 capital budget and to call a Special Town Meeting to act on such recommendations, unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTIONS OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Item 1:

WHEREAS, the Town's proposed capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 includes appropriations in the aggregate amount of \$630,000 for costs related to various projects constituting the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Road Management Program; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize borrowing to defray such appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$630,000 to finance appropriations in the aggregate amount of \$630,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 for costs related to various projects constituting the Fiscal Year 2014/15 Road Management Program, as follows: (a) pavement overlays to all or portions of Pautipaug Hill Road and other roads as deemed necessary by the First Selectman (\$400,000 appropriation), (b) pavement grinding and chip sealing to all or portions of Pautipaug Hill Road and other roads as deemed necessary by the First Selectman (\$100,000 appropriation), (c) installation of ribbon guardrail to all or portions of Pautipaug Hill Road and other roads as deemed necessary by the First Selectman (\$20,000 appropriation), (d) improvements to all or portions to CT Main Street town improvements, portions of Pautipaug Hill Road and other roads as deemed necessary by the First Selectman (\$60,000) and (e) drainage improvements to all or portions of Pautipaug Hill Road and other roads as deemed necessary by the First Selectman (\$50,000 appropriation). The

appropriations may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, engineering fees, legal fees, related land or easement acquisitions, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing recommended above for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on the 28th day of July 2014 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 2:

WHEREAS, the Town's proposed capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 includes appropriations in the aggregate amount of \$60,000 for costs related to the reconstruction of portions of First Street, Second Street and Third Street with a permeable interlocking concrete pavement road surface, new concrete sidewalks and concrete curbing with replacement of existing driveway aprons and miscellaneous drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize borrowing to defray such appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$60,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 for costs related to reconstruction of portions of First Street, Second Street and Third Street with a permeable interlocking concrete pavement road surface, new concrete sidewalks and concrete curbing with replacement of existing driveway aprons and miscellaneous drainage improvements. The appropriations may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing recommended above for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on the 28th day of July 2014 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 3:

WHEREAS, the Town's proposed capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 includes an appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 for costs related to building improvements to the Baltic Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize borrowing to defray such appropriation;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to finance an appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 included in the adopted budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 for costs related to building improvements to the Baltic Fire Station. The appropriations may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, engineering and consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing recommended above for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on the 28th day of July 2014 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 4:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague appropriate \$52,755 for costs related to equipment acquisition, including miscellaneous technical items (estimated cost \$2,700), Senior Center dishwasher and grease trap (estimated cost \$9,000) and security equipment (estimated cost \$41,055). The appropriations may be spent for acquisition and installation of equipment, furnishings and materials, and site improvements, including, but not limited to new digital camera systems, alarms, remote software, displays and computers, video/intercom entry systems, radios, upgraded exterior lighting, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$52,755 to finance said appropriation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing recommended above for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on 28th day of July 2014 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Item 5:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Sprague appropriate \$45,000 for costs related to the issuance of bonds or notes and temporary notes to finance all or a portion of the aggregate \$782,755 appropriations included item 4 above and in the Town's capital budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 referred to in agenda items 1 through 3, inclusive, above; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to finance said appropriation. The appropriation may be spent for financial advisory fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs and expenses related to the financing of all or a portion of said aggregate \$782,755 appropriations.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby declares the official intent of the Town under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing recommended above for the project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on the 28th day of July 2014 with respect to the foregoing recommendations, and that notice of said meeting be given substantially in the form presented to this meeting.

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to add 5a to the agenda, unanimously voted.

5a. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting for overages on Line Item 7400 non budgetary expenditures.

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting for overages on Line Item 7400 non budgetary expenditures, unanimously voted.

6. Discuss and possibly act on stop signs at the corner of Dows Lane and Pautipaug Hill Road.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by C. Blanchard to approve the stop sign at the corner of Dows Lane and Pautipaug Hill Road. Discussion:

- C. Blanchard – Board should look at the area before we put up signs; a stop sign would not be appropriate before signage goes up, doesn't think a stop sign is going to address the issue and would prefer to try other avenues helping to alleviate this problem.
- D. Dembinski – there is no sign delineating the road, spoke with residents who said people drive by and miss Dow's Lane. They turn around and speed back towards Pautipaug Country Club. Most people are in favor of the stop sign. Agrees with C. Blanchard, not sure if this is going to correct everything. No place to put stop sign because it's on private property.
- C. Osten spoke to the business on Dow's Lane, they are in favor of a stop sign installed; she would like to honor their request by installing a stop sign and signage underneath.

C. Osten and D. Dembinski voted yes, C. Blanchard opposed.

7. Act on appointment to the Sprague Housing Authority – Ms. Annette Lussier

Motion made by C. Blanchard, seconded by D. Dembinski to appoint Annette Lussier to the Sprague Housing Authority, unanimously voted.

8. Selectman's report

- Mukluk Preserve - permitted and prohibited uses – needs updating; Board will review and make recommendations at the next Board of Selectman's meeting. A copy will be given to the Conservation Commission for any updates that they would like to include.
- Trucks report – some work being done; front end work on mason body, oil leak, dust cover. Spare white truck needs some work.
- Roadside mower – down, waiting for a part to come in.
- Sweeping – all completed
- Resident Trooper report – reviewed the month of June
- Budget this year is under expenditures and over in revenue.
- D. Dembinski – discussed the check signing schedule; when Board members are out of town, they should contact the First Selectman to make appropriate arrangements for check signing.

9. Public comment

None

10. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten
First Selectman