

**Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Wednesday September 12, 2012
5:00PM
Court Room**

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: Jim Ennis, Dorothy Ennis, Frank Davis, Judy Synnnett, Debbie Baker, Warren Baker, Keith Laliberte, Harry Elrod, Katie Mullins, Mary Delaney, Pam Matthews, Cheryl Blanchard, Chris Coutu, Wendy Schnip, Alyssa Moody from Radio Station 94.9, Claire Bessette The Day, Ralph Greenhalgh, Glenn Cheney, Noah Enslow, Ray Bernier, Cecelia Bernier, Kevin Generous, Mike Smith, Donald Allen, Reginald Patchell, Sandy Carter, Adam Benson Norwich Bulletin, Claude Pellegrino, Julie Lumpkins, Deb Hutchinson, Sam Gilcrest, Grace Newton, Terry Woronecki, Stuart Woronecki, Frank Davis, Tom Williams.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by C. Osten

3. Review and act on minutes of August 8, 2012

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to accept the minutes of 8/8/2012, 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 Marie Blanche Martin for \$160.50, Kathryn McComiskey for \$47.38, Katherine Postovoit for \$143.43, David Macha for \$52.00, unanimously voted

5. Discuss motor vehicle refunds – Town of Scotland

- Town of Sprague received \$1,535.40 for vehicles garaged in Scotland. These vehicles belong to the Town of Scotland; Sprague received these bills through a DMV error, wrong tax code; a refund will be issued back to Scotland residents due to a correction from the Sprague Assessor Office and Scotland will bill for those vehicles.
- Going forward, the question, how will Sprague handle this next year and avoid this to happen again. Sprague will send a letter to the Dept. of Motor Vehicles; the Assessor will continue to monitor those vehicles that do not belong to the Town of Sprague.

6. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept a DECD/CHFA Grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 through the State Housing Rehabilitation Preservation to aid in the finance of Shetucket Village.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept a DECD/CHFA Grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 through the State Housing Rehabilitation Preservation to aid in the finance of Shetucket Village, unanimously voted.

7. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept a USDA Grant in the amount of \$25,000 for a Water Supply Plan for the Town and sign any and all necessary documents.

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept a USDA Grant in the amount of \$25,000 for a Water Supply Plan for the Town and sign any and all necessary documents, unanimously voted.

8. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to accept a USDA Grant for Community Facilities in the amount of \$28,700 for the update of the Town Hall restrooms in accordance with ADA regulations and sign any and all necessary documents.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to call a Special Town Meeting to accept a USDA Grant for Community Facilities in the amount of \$28,700 for the update of the Town Hall restrooms in accordance with ADA regulations and sign any and all necessary documents, unanimously voted.

9. Act on Resolution – to apply and accept a \$500,000 grant through the STEAP program for the rehabilitation of Pump Station #2 in Hanover, CT.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Sprague to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

In furtherance of this resolution, Catherine A. Osten the First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Sprague. Catherine A. Osten currently holds the office of First Selectman and has held that office since November 6, 2007. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be

required by the local, state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to act on a resolution to apply and accept a \$500,000 grant through the STEAP program for the rehabilitation of Pump Station #2 in Hanover, CT, unanimously voted.

10. Discuss and possibly act on adopting the Master Plan for Baltic Village Center.

- Board reviewed page-by-page, updating for possible funding to finish a project CT main street jobs bill.
- Revised date is September 2012, reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.
- Board reviewed, discussed and modified changes to the Master Plan.
- CLA Engineer will provide cost estimate – to add Phase III to the plan.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to adopt the modified Master Plan for Baltic Village Center, unanimously voted.

11. Act on Resolution: Master Plan for Baltic Village Center

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to act on the Resolution for the Master Plan for Baltic, Village Center, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

Certified Resolution of the Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sprague met on September and adopted a resolution by the vote of 3 to 0 which:

1. Adopted the **Baltic Master Plan** as created in September 2006 and updated by the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Sprague on September 12, 2012;

and

2. Authorizes submission of the funding application – **Main Street/Rt. 97 Sidewalk Extension** under the Main Street Investment Fund Program referenced in Section 78 and 79 of the PA 11-1;

and

3. Identified, **Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman**, as an individual authorized to sign the Main Street Investment fund application and administer project. Such application is attached to and made a part of this record.

12. Discuss and possibly act on adopting the Strategic Plan for 2009-2014

- Reviewed page by page updating necessary changes to the Strategic Plan
- Revised date 2012-2017 prepared by the Board of Selectmen

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to adopt the Strategic Plan; revised date of the plan is changed to 2012-2017 prepared by the Board of Selectmen, unanimously voted.

13. Act on Resolution: Strategic Plan for 2009-2014

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to act on the Resolution for the Strategic Plan for 2012-2017, unanimously voted.

RESOLUTION

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sprague met on September 12, 2012 and adopted a resolution by the vote of three to three which:

- (1) Authorizes submission of the funding application – Strategic Plan for 2012-2017 under the Main Street Investment Fund Program referenced in Section 78 and 79 of the PA 11-1:
and

- (2) Identifies, Catherine A. Osten, as an individual authorized to sign the main Street Investment fund application and administer the project. Such application is attached to and made a part of this record

14. Act on appointment to the Sprague Public Library – Victoria Wold

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to appoint Victoria Wold as an Alternate member to the Sprague Public Library, unanimously voted.

15. Act on Resolution recognizing September as Leukemia & Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to accept the resolution recognizing September as Leukemia & Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month, unanimously voted.

**RESOLUTION
PROCLAMATION**

Resolution Recognizing September
as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month

WHEREAS, blood cancers currently afflict more than 1,012,533 people in the United States, with an estimated 140,310 new cases diagnosed each year, and

WHEREAS, leukemia, lymphoma and Myeloma will kill an estimated 53,010 people in the United States this year, and

WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts and the support for those that suffer from them, and

WHEREAS, LLS maintains an office in Wilton & Meriden to support patients with these diseases and their family members in the State of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens that suffer from them, and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Connecticut joins with LLS in designating the month of September 2012 as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month to enhance the understanding of blood related cancers and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure for them.

16. To discuss the cost for the demolition of 23 West Main Street Baltic and to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special town Meeting when appropriated for the demolition of 23 West main Street Baltic. Discussion: Mystic Air evaluated for asbestos and lead, waiting for the report. Unable to recoup expenditures to close up the building, money owed to for Water & Sewer and the collection of taxes, unanimously voted.

17. Discuss the Watson Property.

Town has worked toward the DSS lien with the \$276,000 land acquisition grant. The remainder of \$18,000 is slated to come from the Friends of the Shetucket Valley, Rod & Gun Club, Open Space.

18. Selectman's report

- Sweeping- all roads finished on the first round
- Roadside mowing – first round completed , second round in progress
- Signs to be placed around town and reviewed by the Board
- Reducing speed on Westminster and Baltic Hanover Road
- Report that came in from State of CT reducing speed on Salt Rock Rd.; waiting for the report on Westminster and Baltic Hanover Rd.
- Report for Versailles pond has been complete, significant issues revolving around human health risks. DEEP to meet with the residents in that area.
- The Hazardous mitigation plan has been accepted.
- State trooper – services completed
- D. Allen suggested hiring engineers to look at a plan for the stop sign issue on Main Street Hanover.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to add 18a to the agenda, unanimously voted.

18a. Authorize the Board of Finance to appropriate funds for the Board of Selectmen to do an evaluation on the stop signs at the intersection of Spruce Street and Main Street Hanover.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to request an appropriation of 15,000 to \$25,000 from the Board of Finance to hire an engineer to do an evaluation on the stop signs at the intersection of Spruce St. and Main Street, unanimously voted.

Public comment

- K. Laliberte – in favor of taking the stop signs down in Hanover.
- K. Generous – insult to the public making the residents wait for their turn to speak about the stop signs on Hanover.
- J. Ennis – thanked the Board for passing the motion to send the stop sign issue to the Board of Finance. He received 260 names in a petition; never harassed anyone to sign. Says the installation of stop signs was never voted at a Board of Selectmen’s meeting.
- S. Woronecki – speaking for his young children. Did not like the stop signs at first because it increased noise; however, there has been a dramatic change in speed. Concerned about children, Things are much better except for the harassment from people who are yelling out profanity.
- D. Hutchinson – installation of the signs took her privacy away; horns blowing, people are still speeding and they don’t all stop.
- M. Smith- asked where the request is for people who do not want stop signs. If we’re not enforcing the speed limit then why put up a sign reducing it. Need input from both sides.
- C. Blanchard – speeding occurs throughout Sprague and the Town pays a trooper to enforce this. Solution: enforce the laws that exist, start writing tickets. Pautipaug Hill Rd. should be repaired; not safe for residents and senior citizens. Allocate money for roads that need repairing. Upset because she waited 3 hours to speak at public comment stating the Master Plan should have been done at a BOS workshop.
- D. Baker – signs were put up to control speed; need to follow State and Federal mandates which states that signs are not to be installed for speed control. Not in favor of spending money for a study on the signs, asking to take them down.
- W. Schnip – congratulates J. Ennis for getting through the Board of Selectmen. States the Annual Town Meetings have been taken away from the residents. Sitting over 3 hours to be heard; common courtesy from the Board members to let the public be heard earlier in the meeting; disrespectful.
- W. Baker –\$15,000 is a horrible waste of money to do a study for stop signs. We need our Resident Trooper there to enforce the law. Run a petition for people who do not want a sign. Slow people down with enforcement instead of putting stop signs up.
- R. Patchell – walks Main Street every day. Not an issue with speeding. Since the stop signs, people are speeding more. Community is in an uproar because of this issue. Before we lower speed limits, send the Resident Trooper out.
- H. Elrod – The Board of Selectmen are doing business. Says there should be more stop signs.
- R. Bernier – speeding is awful, stop signs should not be used to stop speeding; asking where our Resident Trooper is.

19. Adjournment

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to adjourn meeting at 8:45PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman