

**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday July 10, 2013  
Court Room  
5:00PM**

**1. Call to order**

Meeting brought to order by Catherine A. Osten, First Selectman at 5:00PM. Present were Selectman Denise Dembinski and Dennison Allen.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by D. Dembinski

**3. Review and act on minutes of Regular Meeting June 12, 2013.**

Motion made by D. Dembinski, seconded by D. Allen to approve the minutes of 6/12/13, unanimously voted.

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

None

**5. Discuss and possibly act on an Ordinance Concerning the Withholding of Permits for building for Nonpayment of Municipal Taxes and Charges and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting when appropriate.**

Tabled.

**6. Discuss Public Meetings – Rules of Decorum**

- Board of Finance's recommendation.
- Creating a policy which would address an unusual problem.
- Board concerned if adopted, that it would silence opposition
- Need to be respectful of others and dissenting opinion should be heard.

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski that the Board has discussed this and feel it is not appropriate at this time, unanimously voted..

**7. Discuss Roadway Ordinance and possibly adopting Noah's Way.**

- Researching – private vs. public roads. C. Osten contacted R. Cody, Town Attorney to look into the roadway ordinance; she also contacted CLA Engineers to review the final approved maps of Noah's Way to see if the road was constructed properly. CLA will let her know if Noah's Way could be accepted the way it is.
- Board is not against taking ownership of Noah's Way; If Noah's Way meets the requirements of the roadway ordinance, then the town will considerate it.

- Concerns - residents want the town to take over other private roads. Board agreed that those roads would not meet the criteria of the roadway ordinance.

#### **8. Selectman's report**

- C. Osten distributed the Board with a list of completed jobs done by the Public Works Department.
- Catch basins – reviewed work done by R. Briggs; keeping track of numbers to reflect the actual catch basins.
- Signs – work in progress – install stop sign on Dows Lane to alert people from going to the end of the road.
- Roadside - mowing made a complete round.
- Sweeping – five roads to complete – Hanover, Versailles Rd., Potash Hill Rd., Riverside Drive, Upper High St. and Salt Rock Rd.
- Projects to be done – check dry hydrants.
- Backus Healthcare flyer – advertised upcoming events that will take place in Sprague.
- SCRRRA- reviewed figures for electronic tons, Freon, tires and fluorescent bulbs.
- Resident Trooper Report – January 2013 through July 2013 – generalized idea of what is going on in the town; variety of issues.
- Town Clerk receipts – 2010/2011 \$56,100.46 – 2011/2012 \$42,713.28 - 2012/2013 \$56,443.72; starting to rebound, up in conveyance, recordings and building inspections.

#### **9. Public comment**

None

#### **10. Adjournment**

Motion made by D. Allen, seconded by D. Dembinski to adjourn meeting at 6:00PM, unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine A. Osten  
First Selectman