

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2014
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Kevin Lyden, Elbert Burr, Robert Ross, Lewis Buckley, Edward Chmielewski

CALL TO ORDER: K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:14 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approval of Minutes

The BOS delayed the approval of the January 7, 2014 meeting to the March 4, 2014 meeting.

2. Correspondence/Public Comments:

K. Lyden stated the agenda items for the meetings will be addressed in order and discussion will follow after a first and second motion is made. Discussion will be one person at a time; no side discussions and attention should be given to the person that is speaking. Once members have had a chance to speak, you may speak again if you would like. Discussion should be directed at the Chairperson, not between members.

3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

Add: A1) Historic Document Preservation Resolution

**M/S/C (Burr/Chmielewski) to add agenda items A1) Historic Document Preservation Resolution
Vote: Approved Unanimous.**

4. Agenda

A1) Historic Document Preservation Resolution

**M/S/C (Burr/Buckley) to endorse the Historic Document Preservation Resolution.
Vote: Approved Unanimous.**

A) Endorse Resolution of the Town of Salem Small Cities Program

**M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to endorse the Resolution of the Town of Salem Small Cities Program.
Vote: Approved In Favor- Lyden, Ross, Buckley, Burr Opposed- Chmielewski**

B) Re-phrase Motion of Ken Bondi Appointment to EDC Alternate

**M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to appoint Ken Bondi to the alternate position member of the Economic Development Commission.
Vote: Approved unanimous.**

C) Appoint Full Member to Planning and Zoning Commission

**M/S/C (Lyden/Buckley) to appoint Ruth Savalle to the Planning & Zoning Commission full member.
Vote: Approved unanimous.**

K. Lyden stated per Section 917D of the State Statutes, a Democrat must fill the Democratic seat that was vacated on the Commission.

D) Appoint Alternate Member to Board of Finance

**M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to appoint Hernan “Peppi” Salas as an alternate member of the Board of Finance.
Vote: Approved unanimous.**

K. Lyden stated the seat on the Board that is vacant has no party affiliation, he recommended due to the vote taken by the BOF at their meeting, it was in favor (3 to 2) of Mr. Salas be appointed to the seat.

E) Supplemental Appropriation Request for Salem Fire Company for ET Repairs of \$4500

**M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$4500.00 for the Salem Fire Company for ET repairs.
Vote: Approved unanimous.**

F) Set Special Meeting for Budget Review and Related Items

A Special Board of Selectmen Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 18, 2014 at 6:00 pm conference room 2 to discuss budget related items.

G) Tax Collector Refund(s)

**M/S/C (Ross/ Burr) the BOS direct the Town Treasurer to issue refunds in the amount of \$1,164.09 as certified by the Town Tax Collector on February 4, 2014.
Vote: Approved unanimous.
(See attached.)**

5. Reports

A. First Selectman – K. Lyden reported:

Thursday February 20, 2014 at 7:00pm conference room 1 will be the seminar for the Freedom of Information Act by Tom Hennik. This date was rescheduled from February 5, 2014.

The Post Office will be relocated to another business in Salem. K. Lyden stated he had been in contact with Congressman Courtney’s office as well as the USPS Contract Unit. There are 2 or 3 businesses interested in housing the Post Office.

The EDC will research funding and grants with the Southeastern Connecticut Economic Development District.

Salem has an agreement with the UCONN Program of Landscape Architecture for ideas to enhance the historical area in town along Rt. 85.

All Regular and Special meeting dates are listed on the Town of Salem website. Residents are encouraged to attend and speak during the public comment.

- B. Public Works** – K. Lyden reported the town crew has been busy plowing roads due to the recent storms.
- C. Building Department**- D. Weston reported there is one new permit for a single family residence.
- D. Salem School Building Committee**- E. Burr reported the project is 98% complete. There are small jobs to be completed. K. Lyden thanked E. Burr for the work he has done on the project.
- E. Board of Education** – E. Chmielewski reported the BOE is working on the budget. The BOE is asking for a 4.96% increase. Steve Buck, Chairman of the BOE asked for cuts to the presented budget.
- F. Board of Finance**- K. Lyden reported budget season is here; the first meeting for budgets will be on February 13, 2014.
- G. Planning and Zoning Commission** – E. Burr reported Gloria Fogarty was elected Chairman, Joe Duncan Vice-Chairman; and Vern Smith Secretary.
- H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** – No report.
- I. Economic Development Commission**- R. Ross reported there are three new members on the EDC. The focus will be how to improve the quality of life in Salem to attract businesses that make it better to live in Salem.
- J. Zoning Board of Appeals** – K. Lyden reported the Board recently heard one application.
- K. Recreation Commission** – D. Weston reported the summer programs are being planned. There will be a Performing Arts program July 14 – 19; Outdoor Hockey, Music Lessons and possibly a basketball program. Day bus trips include the Boston Flower Show and New York City. There will be a Red Sox vs. Yankees baseball game on June 28, 2014 at Yankee Stadium. There will be AARP Driver's Safety Course on April 16.
- L. Public Safety** – (See attached.)
- M. Transfer Station** – No report.
- N. Library Board**- L. Buckley reported is working on the evaluation of the computers. They will hold meetings to discuss the budget.

Len Giambra spoke on behalf of the Library Board on maintenance, survey and budget issues.

6. Public Comment- None

Adjournment

M/C/S (Chmielewski/Burr) to adjourn at 7:59 P.M.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary