

**BOARD OF SELECTMAN**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**January 7, 2014**

**7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** K. Lyden, E. Burr, B. Ross, L. Buckley, E. Chmielewski

**ABSENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** First Selectman Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:00

**AGENDA:**

**1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M/S/C (Burr/Ross) to approve the December 3, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes as amended:**

K. Lyden reported the Small Cities Grant Request for Proposal for Professional and Technical Services this is advertised on the DAS website *and is* due December 12, 2013 at 2:00pm.

Probate Judge Jeff McNamara will be at Salem Town Hall on December 11 at 2:00pm to discuss and answer questions on appointment of a health care representative, living will and health care instructions, document of an anatomical gift *and* designation of a conservator for future incapacities. Forms are on the Town website.

**A. Public Works** – D. Bourdeau reported the Town crew has been out ~~for~~ *treating* black ice. Lake View Road and Old Colchester Road have been paved.

**B. Economic Development Commission-** R. Ross stated meetings will start again after the first of the year. K. Lyden stated he had spoken to Chairman Frank Scroka and R. Ross concerning new members for the Commission. A new Chairman of Sector is in place. ~~for Salem and will help to encourage new businesses to Salem.~~ K. Lyden attended the annual Sector's meeting.

**Library Board-** K. Lyden reported for L. Buckley that the Annual Connecticut Public Library report due to the State November 15<sup>th</sup> is complete. Reviews ~~are~~ have started for the salaries budgets for the upcoming Town budget process.

**Vote: Approved. In Favor-Lyden, Ross Burr, Chmielewski. . Opposed-None. Abstaining- Buckley,**

**2) CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Gadbois, 40 Old Colchester Road  
Vern Smith, 169 Norwich Road

**3) AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS**

**M/S/C (Lyden/Chmielewski) to add appointment of Ken Bondi to EDC as item D. Vote: Approved Unanimously.**

**M/S/C (Burr/Chmielewski) to add appointment of John Gadbois to permanent seat on Planning and Zoning. Vote: Approved Unanimously. (item E)**

**4) AGENDA**

**A) Appoint Andrew Lightner to EDC Full Member**

**M/S/C (Buckley/Chmielewski) to appoint Andrew Lightner to the Economic Development Commission. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

**B) Appoint Wendy Mikolinsky to EDC Full Member**

**M/S/C (Lyden/Ross) to appoint Wendy Mikolinsky to Economic Development Commission as a full member. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

**C) Appoint Jennifer Lee to EDC Full Member**

**M/S/C (Ross/Chmielewski) to appoint Jennifer Lee to Economic Development as a full member. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

**D) Appoint Ken Bondi to EDC**

**M/S/C (Burr/Lyden) to appoint Ken Bondi as an alternate member of P & Z  
Vote: Approved Unanimously**

**E) Appointment of Ruth Savalle or John Gadbois as Full Member to Planning and Zoning**

**M/S/W (Buckley/Ross) to appoint R. Savalle as a full member to P&Z.**

Discussion followed on past practice of appointments in general. L. Buckley stated it was his understanding that if a member of one party resigns then by past practice a replacement from the same party is appointed. E. Chmielewski and E. Burr stated the vacant seat was held by a Republican. B. Ross stated the Board has never filled a vacancy without input from the Board or Commission of which the vacancy exists. He suggested waiting to hear from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion was withdrawn to get more input from Planning and Zoning.

**M/S/F (Chmielewski/Burr) to appoint John Gadbois as a full member of Planning and Zoning. Motion: Failed. In favor- Chmielewski, Burr. Opposed- Buckley, Ross, Lyden.**

**F) Tax Collector Refund(S)**

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) the Board of Selectman directs the Town Treasurer to issue the refunds recommended and certified by the Town of Salem Tax Collector in the amount of \$721.08. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

**5) REPORTS**

- A) First Selectman-K.** Lyden reported that Public Works did a great job during the last storm. He stated he had discussions with the U.S. Postal Service about replacing Salem's post office that was just recently vacated. The postal service informed him they would solicit interested businesses and that it would take approximately two months before a post office will be in Salem. Lyden stated that there will be an FOIA workshop for all interested Board and Commission members.
- B) Public Works-No Report**
- C) Building Department-No Report**
- D) Salem School Building Committee-E.** Burr stated the school building project is 95% completed.
- E) Board of Education-No Report**
- F) Board of Finance-Preparing for budget season.** T.J. Butcher was elected Chairman
- G) Planning and Zoning-No Report.**
- H) Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission-No report**
- I) Economic Development Commission-The next meeting will be with new members.** He stated that the main economic district of the town was enhanced by the new transportation features in the district. Two commercial buildings were torn down but were replaced by more retail space than before. The town is in a good position to take advantage of the recovery.
- J) Zoning Board of Appeals-No Report.**
- K) Recreation Commission-The Town received the long awaited Flood Management Permit to allow bridges across Harris Brook as part of the Harris Brook Trail.**
- L) Public Safety-The Resident Trooper submitted a report (see file copy).** Roundabout id working well not that travelers are getting more accustom to it.
- M) Transfer Station-oil recovery unit is in new building and the compactor is working well.**
- N) Library-Len Giambra was elected Chairman; they are changing the time of their meetings and struggling with computer issues.**

**6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The Board welcomed Holly Alligood as the new Assistant Town Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (continued)**

**M/S/C (Burr/Buckley) to accept the November 12, 2013 minutes as presented.**

**Vote: Approved. In favor-Lyden, Buckley, Burr. Opposed-none. Abstaining-Ross, Chmielewski.**

**7) ADJOURNMENT:**

**M/S/C (Chmielewski/Buckley) to adjourn the meeting at 7:58. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted  
Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary

UNAPPROVED