

**Town of Salem
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 1, 2011**

Present: James Fogarty, Kevin Lyden, Robyn McKenney, Elbert Burr, Robert Ross

Call to order:

K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

K. Lyden reminded residents November 11 is Veteran's Day and to please take time to reflect and honor the brave men and women and the sacrifices they have paid and continue to pay for the freedoms that we enjoy today.

K. Lyden was happy to report that resident William Lueck has returned back safely from active duty.

1. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to approve the Board of Selectmen October 4, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

Vote: approved unanimously.

Page (2) 4.C.:

M/S/C (Fogarty/Burr) for the Board of Selectmen to direct the town *Treasurer* to issue refunds recommended and certified by the Tax Collector report dated October 4, 2011 in the amount of \$536.25 pending signature of the Tax Collector on the report.

Page (3) N. Library Board:

Sandy Texiera, President of the Friends of the Library, asked the Library Board *to sponsor the "Friends of the Library" so the Annual Book Sale could be held at Salem School.*

Page (4): Approximately \$1,000.00 is received *quarterly* for fines and overdue fees.

Page (3) E. Board of Education:

Students from the ELHS are participating in "Coastal Connection" which is an *alternate school with internships from area businesses.*

Page (1) in the heading, date should read October 4, 2011.

2. Correspondence/Public Comments:

Correspondence – None to report.

Public Comment – None.

3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:

No Agenda Additions or Revisions.

4. Agenda

A. Minimum Budget Requirements

A letter was received from Salem School Interim Superintendent H. Kaye Griffin asking for additional funding, \$77,205.00, which is needed to offset the 2011-2012 operational budget MBR deficit.

M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to hold a town meeting on November 17, 2011, 7:00pm at the Salem Town Hall first item on the call: "To review and approval of additional appropriation of \$77,205.00 to correct the Minimum Budget Requirement deficit for the fiscal year 2011/2012."

Vote: approved unanimously.

Resident Peter Sielman asked that the meeting be made a "Virtual Town Hall" meeting.

M/S/C (Ross/Fogarty) to have the November 17, 2011 Salem Town meeting be a "Virtual Town Hall".

Vote: approved unanimously.

B. Parking Ban Ordinance

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a proposal of a Parking Ban Ordinance submitted to them by Donald Bourdeau, Director of Public Works.

R. Ross stated the ordinance as written is a conflict with the Town of Salem Charter. Only the First Selectman can declare an emergency for winter storms. He stated the ordinance is in a draft form.

J. Fogarty stated the ordinance would need to be reworked and structured as other ordinances are for the town. He also stated it should read "for town roads only".

M/S/C (Burr/Forgarty) to add as item 2 on the call for the November 17, 2011 Salem Town Meeting: "To review and adopt a parking ban ordinance on Salem town roads during winter storms."

Vote: approved unanimously

A special BOS meeting will be held to discuss and properly word the Parking Ban Ordinance before November 17, 2011.

C. Tax Collector Refunds

The report from the Tax Collector was reviewed.

M/S/C (Fogarty/McKenney) for the Board of Selectmen to direct the town Treasurer to issue refunds recommended and certified by the Tax Collector report dated October 4, 2011 in the amount of \$819.06 pending signature of the Tax Collector on the report.

Vote: approved unanimously.

(See attached)

5. Reports

A. First Selectman –

The pavilion has been delivered. The site work is nearly complete.

The 2010/2011 fiscal year audit is nearly completed.

Congressman Joe Courtney held a Rt. 11 meeting today with the State DOT, DEEP, Army Corp. of Engineers and the Federal EPA to have them work together and finish Rt. 11.

K. Lyden is now Chairperson of the Greenway Committee.

The Applefest and Book Sale were successful.

B. Public Works – Donald Bourdeau reported town survived very well during the early snowstorm. The paving on Rattlesnake Ledge Road is now complete.

C. Building Department- Diane Weston informed the Board permits are being issued for whole house generators.

D. Salem School Building Committee- E. Burr informed the Board one new boiler is operational in the school. The second boiler should be operational soon. On November 9, 2011, there will be a meeting to review the remaining 50% of the drawings for the total renovation. The meeting with the State will be on January 17, 2012.

E. Board of Education – No report.

F. Board of Finance- K. Lyden reported the BOF is aware and has discussed the issue of the MBR. The annual audit should be completed soon. The BOF will review the figures after the audit; the grand list will need to be reviewed; values are down for real estate.

G. Planning and Zoning Commission – E. Burr informed the Board the bonding requirements for subdivisions should be completed within a month.

H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission – No report.

I. Economic Development Commission- B. Ross reported work will start with the water treatment facility first for the roundabout at the intersections of Rt. 85 & RT 82.

J. Zoning Board of Appeals – No report.

K. Recreation Commission – Diane Weston reported the holiday tree lighting will be held the first weekend of December. After school programs are being planned and will start soon.

L. Public Safety- No report.

M. Transfer Station – Amnesty Days are November 2, 5 and 6, 2011.

N. Library Board- J. Forgarty reported on October 11 was a meeting. At the meeting, discussion took place concerning revising the functions of the director and Library board. There was a motion to decline signing the Memorandum of Agreement with the Friends of the Library on the

recommendation of the First Selectman and the Town Attorney. Discussion took place concerning new and revised policies for computer use and library programs.

6. Public Comment

Salvatore Crisanti commented Public Works did an outstanding job during the snowstorm.

Edward Chemiluski thanked James Fogarty for his years of service to the Town of Salem. He also thanked Public Works for their work during the snowstorm.

K. Lyden presented James Fogarty with a letter of appreciation for his service to the Town of Salem. This was James' last regular BOS meeting.

7. Future Action Items

1. Town Events Policy

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Adjournment

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to adjourn at 8:32 P.M.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary