

**Town of Salem  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
October 5, 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.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**M/S/C (Burr/Fogarty) to approve the Board of Selectmen September 6, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.**

**Vote: James Fogarty, Robyn McKenney, Elbert Burr, Kevin Lyden approved. Robert Ross abstaining.**

Page (2) last paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read:

At 6:00 A.M. *Monday* morning, the CL&P liaison arrived which was very helpful, however, the information given to her by CL&P was very limited.

Page (3) 5. Reports A. First Selectman paragraph 4 should read:

*Per the Connecticut* Minimum Budget Requirement for education, a \$77,000.00 *addition* is needed to the Salem School *budget for 2011-2012*. The amount needs to be funded even though it might not get used. A penalty could occur if the requirement is not funded.

Peter Sielman asked if the MBR could be avoided by *adding* capital items to the School's budget. K. Lyden informed him it probably could be, but it would be too late for this year.

Page (4) Adjournment

M/S/C (Fogarty/McKenney) to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

**2. Correspondence/Public Comments:**

Correspondence – None to report.

Public Comment –

Chief James Savalle from the Gardner Lake Fire Company informed the Board of Selectmen the Fire Company has submitted a federal grant application for \$445,000.00 towards the purchase of a new tanker truck. Chief Savalle is asking if the grant is presented to the Gardner Lake Fire Company, if the amount earned from the sale of the old tanker truck could be put towards equipment for the new truck. K. Lyden asked if any letters from the town are needed to help support the grant for the truck.

Peter Sielman updated the Board of Selectmen on RT 11. Ed Jutila, David Bingham and Peter Sielman are requesting a meeting with the Governor of Connecticut, Daniel Malloy. They feel the survey covered more than the completion of RT 11 and the survey heightened citizen concerns that the toll plazas will be on RT 11 and RT 2. A two year study is slated to be completed; they feel the length of the study is too long.

The Greenway Authority Commission should start to work again now that the 2 year study is starting.

### **3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:**

No Agenda Additions or Revisions.

### **4. Agenda**

#### **A. Endorsement of Multi-Year Contract for Emergency Communications Center and 911 Telephone Service**

**M/S/C (Ross/Forgarty) to endorse the multi-year contract for the Emergency Communications Center and 911 Telephone Service in the amount of \$34,000.00.**

**Vote: approved unanimously.**

#### **B. Authorize Resolution Regarding State Homeland Security Grant Program**

**M/S/C (Forgarty/Ross) to authorize the Resolution regarding the State Homeland Security Grant Program.**

**Vote: approved unanimously.**

(See attached)

#### **C. Tax Collector Refunds**

The report from the Tax Collector was reviewed.

**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.**

**Vote: approved unanimously.**

(See attached)

### **5. Reports**

#### **A. First Selectman –**

K. Lyden informed the Board the MBR (Minimum Budget Requirement) needs to have the amount of \$77,000.00 allocated to the Salem School Budget. If this is not done, the penalty will be double the amount of the allocation. This amount would need to be passed at a Town Meeting. Bill Weinschenker, Chairperson for the Board of Finance, Daniel Kung, Chairperson for the Board of Education and Kay Griffin, the Salem School Superintendent will have a meeting with K. Lyden to discuss the issue. K. Lyden will have an update for the Board of Selectmen at the November

monthly meeting. Peter Sielman recommended an article be put in the next “Our Town” publication to inform the public as to why this amount needs to be allocated.

A check for \$1,395.30 has been received due to the single stream recycling at the transfer station. The check will be deposited in the Town of Salem General Fund.

The pavilion has been ordered. It should be delivered on October 17. The road to the pavilion is in and the project should be finished mid-November.

- B. Public Works** – K. Lyden informed the Board that the public works crew is working overtime on Friday’s to finish the cleanup from Hurricane Irene. This will be 75% reimbursable from FEMA.
- 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 will be operational once a stainless steel sleeve is inserted in the existing chimney. A concrete pad was installed in the boiler room due to a crack in the floor.
- E. Board of Education** – R. McKenney reported that the Board of Education recognized the custodial staff was recognized for their good work.  
The reading program was discussed and the summer reading has extended into the regular school year by students sharing what they have read.  
The new math program was spotlighted and discussed.  
Mike Susi from East Lyme High School attended the meeting and informed the BOE scores for SAT, ACT, PSAT and CAPT testing are above average. Five finalists for the PSAT’s are from East Lyme.  
Students from the ELHS are participating in “Coastal Connection” which is an internship from area businesses.
- 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.
- G. Planning and Zoning Commission** – A 6 month moratorium for subdivisions has started October 1, 2011.
- H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** – No report.
- I. Economic Development Commission**- B. Ross reported work will start at RT 82 & RT 85. The water treatment facility will be moved first. Utilities will be moved and the white building will be taken down in the spring. The roundabout will be finished in the summer. The traffic issues were discussed; signs will be posted on RT 2 to stay on RT 2 to RT 395 for areas south of Salem.
- J. Zoning Board of Appeals** – No report.
- K. Recreation Commission** – Diane Weston reported the New York bus trip went well. ZUMBA will start October 17.  
The Recreation Commission voted that the recreation complex at Forsyth Road will be named “Volunteer Park”.  
Salem School Athletic Director Chis Pugliese will head up the Salem Recreation Basketball League for the fall/winter season.
- L. Public Safety**- No report.
- M. Transfer Station** – New signs have been installed at the Transfer Station. OSHA approved railings have been installed at the disposal bins. Pavement has been added past the oil storage area to help with the drainage.
- N. Library Board**- J. Forgarty reported the Library Board meeting was held in September.  
Sandy Texiera, President of the Friends of the Library, asked the Library Board for permission to hold the book fair on October 29.

The computer policy is being rewritten for the library.

The library has received a donation of 30 computers from Salem School; the computers might be sold for a small profit.

The booth at the Civil War Reenactment was a success.

Approximately \$1,000.00 is received annually for fines and overdue fees.

## **6. Public Comment**

None

## **7. Future Action Items**

1. Town Events Policy – Work will start on this policy due to the installation of the pavilion. K. Lyden hopes to have the policy in place by February 2012.

Announcements:

Amnesty Days at the Transfer Station will be November 2, 5, and 6, 2011. Electronics will be included for no fee.

The brush pile on the Gadbois property on RT 82 is now closed. Please bring your brush to the transfer station.

### **Adjournment**

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

**Vote: Approved unanimously.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Diane Weston**

**Recording Secretary**