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### **SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010 APPROVED DECEMBER 20, 2010**

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, December 6, 2010.

#### **Present:**

Jim O'Brien, Chairman  
George Langwasser, Selectman  
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman (arriving at 5:35 pm)  
Chris Lawless, Selectman  
Neal Cass, Town Administrator  
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Tom Congoran

Public Present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Merle Dustin, Bob LaPree, Rich Houston, Ken Wilkens

#### **I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Board approved the following:

Vendor Disbursement and Payroll Manifests  
Building/Use Permit  
For Review – Selectmen's Notes and Correspondence  
For Signature – Timber Tax Warrant; Intent to Cu

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of November 22, 2010. Selectman Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectman Lawless to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Langwasser, Lawless voting  
in favor of the motion. No votes against. Motion  
passes. 3-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of November 22, 2010. Selectman Lawless made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting.

**VOTE:** O'Brien, Langwasser, Lawless voting in favor of the motion. No votes against. Motion passes. 3-0.

### **III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

#### **IV. PUBLIC FORUM**

Bob LaPree came forward on behalf of the Landfill Committee. The committee would like to put surveillance equipment up at the Transfer Station to prevent theft and to stop people from coming in the back of the Transfer Station (which is not fenced in) and dropping off demolition. Rich Houston came forward to join the discussion. Mr. LaPree also indicated the Landfill Committee will be working on a policy for reuse of items at the landfill. Selectmen Langwasser cautioned everyone that Webster is part of the Transfer Station and any changes need to be approved by Webster.

Merle Dustin noted there was a lot of trash on Dustin Road. She picked up over 50 beer cans, plastic milk & water jugs and a Styrofoam cooler.

Merle Dustin also commented on the wonderful job the volunteers did at the Harold Martin School playground.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed the Bonds that are currently owed. Discussion ensued with regards to which one to pay off. It was decided to stay with the original plan to pay off Bohanan Farm.

The Board reviewed the Draft Warrant, changing the order of some of the Articles. It was noted that two petitions have been received for rescinding Pay by Bag. A discussion ensued with regards to the Pay by Bag article setting the price of the bags. Mr. Cass noted February 1, 2011 is the deadline to submit petitions.

Chairmen O'Brien read the Fire Department Building Study Committee Charge. (Copy attached). A discussion ensued as to who the Board would like to ask to be on the committee. Selectmen O'Brien would like to a draft time line. The committee should look at present and future needs. The end date for the committee would be July 1, 2011. Danny Coen has requested to be on the committee. Selectmen Lawless suggested a firefighter should be on the committee and perhaps a representative from the Budget Committee. A discussion ensued with regards to how many members should be on the committee. It was decided the committee should have 7 members.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cass noted there is a 5 year contract signed with TDS, and we have two years left on it. It was noted Bob Blanchette did not have a copy of the contract and it was brought to Mr. Cass's attention by TDS when he tried to switch phone coverage from TDS to Comcast.

Mr. Cass stated he feels that all committee members need to attend a presentation on RSA 91-A. The Board agreed. Selectmen Langwasser would like to see a list of active committee members.

Chairmen O'Brien would like to rebuild the Road Committee. He requested Mr. Cass to find the old Road Committee Charge.

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Selectmen Lawless stated he would be perambulating the line between Hopkinton and Henniker.

Selectmen Pellerin requested a Non Public session at the end of the meeting.

Budget committee update: Chairmen O'Brien stated the Department Heads have done a great job presenting their budgets. A discussion ensued with regards to the Fire Chief's concern about the liability of sick time earned. It was noted that sick time earned is not paid out, only vacation time earned is paid out if the employee leaves.

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Pellerin, seconded by Selectman Lawless to adjourn to a non public session at 6:35 pm.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** O'Brien, Pellerin, Lawless and Langwasser voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. Motion passes 4-0.

Merle Dustin inquired if the lights on the Christmas tree were meant to stay on every day. Mr. Cass will ask Greg Roberts about the lights.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan