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Board of Selectmen Nonpublic Meeting Minutes-Session I January 24, 2011

Chair of the Board of Selectmen Jim O'Brien called this Nonpublic Session to order at 5:37 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2011, in Town Administrator's office at the Town Hall. Those persons present were as follows:

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, Tom Congoran, George Langwasser, Chris Lawless and Bryan Pellerin.

Staff Present: Justin LaVigne (Recreation Director) and Neal Cass (Town Administrator).

Mr. Lavigne shared with the Board his concern that he was told he would receive a response back from the Board concerning his request for a salary increase, and his concern that his budget was cut without further conversation with him. Specifically he indicated that he is concerned with the cut in the training budget. He stated that he felt that the Board has shown it doesn't want his department here. The Board apologized for not formally responding to his request and stated that he should in no way infer that the Board isn't supportive of the Recreation Department.

Mr. LaVigne also shared his concern that he is the only staff member located at the Slusser Senior Center. He stated that his wasn't discussed with him and that the Bates Building, Town Hall, and Library all have staff that can cover for each other. He continued that volunteers can't run the center, there are liability issues, and there needs to be another town employee at the center. The Board stated that it is struggling with this issue of how to increase coverage without impacting the tax rate. Selectman O'Brien suggested putting the senior center on schedule and if volunteers won't provide coverage the hours could be reduced.

The Board requested that Mr. LaVigne track his schedule for two weeks and then it can reviewed and the information used to develop a plan. The Board suggested chipping away at various functions such as the food pantry and building rental. Mr. LaVigne suggested that a part-time employee be paid out of the Recreation Revolving Fund so it cost the taxpayers nothing.

Mr. LaVigne was asked to come back in public session after he has completed his two week schedule review.

There being no further business, the Board returned to public session at 6:10 p.m.

Recorder: Neal Cass
Date: January 28, 2011