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**SELECTMEN
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012
Approved April 9, 2012**

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, March 26, 2012.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
Tom Congoran, Selectman
George Langwasser, Selectman
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman (5:30pm)
Denis Goddard, Selectman
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public present: June Garvin, Gloria Symonds, Mary & Ken Wilkens, Lillian Landry, Janet Krzyzaniak, Allita Paine, Mary Leadbeater, Patti Cass Smith, Marion Paxton, Joanne Woodward, Judy Sanborn, Elaine Lambert; Sara L. Darby; Tricia Nadolny; Chuck Gangel, Aimee Gangel, Jessica Bailey, Merle Dustin, Bonnie & Lester Cressy

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Chairmen O'Brien announced there would be two additions to the agenda tonight. The first being a brief appearance by Fire Chief Rick Schaefer and the introduction of the new town clerk/tax collector, Chuck Gangel.

Selectmen Goddard made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Congoran
and Goddard voting in favor of the motion;
no votes against, motion passes, 4-0

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of March 12, 2012. Selectman Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectman Goddard to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, and
Goddard voting in favor of the motion;
no votes against, Congoran abstaining,
motion passes, 3-0-1.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Fire Chief Rick Schaefer is in to get authorization to spend money on the fire truck. No money is due until the truck comes in, which will be the first week in December. Fire Chief Schaefer went over the details of the fire.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$500,000 +/- for the purchase of a fire truck. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Pellerin, Congoran and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against; motion passes, 5-0.

Chairmen O'Brien introduced Chuck Gangel, newly elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Mr. Gangel informed the Board things went well the first day, the office has an excellent staff and he looks forward to working with them.

Chairmen O'Brien stated the next order of business was the use of the Slusser Senior Center. Selectmen O'Brien invited comment from the senior residents that were in attendance. As no one came forward to speak, Chairmen O'Brien invited Joanne Woodard, Chair of the Senior Recreation Council to come forward and inform the Board as to what the issue is.

Mrs. Woodard stated that many of the senior are dissatisfied with having young kids in the senior center. Chairmen O'Brien stated the Senior Center is a town owned building and therefore the Board cannot exclude a group from using the Center. He further noted that all senior activities are giving priority. No youth activities are scheduled from 8:30 to 4:30, and for evening activities seniors are giving priority. Chairmen O'Brien inquired if there were conflicts in scheduling. There are no conflicts in scheduling at this time. Mrs. Woodard stated the seniors would like the use to be restricted to seniors only. Chairmen O'Brien stated that cannot be done. It is a town building.

Merle Dustin stated the seniors have exclusive use of the building Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. She doesn't understand why other programs are not allowed in after those hours, it should be open to other groups.

Jessica Bailey, Recreation Director stated the rental policy agreement allows for parties, luncheon, and other activities.

It was noted by some present that when other groups use the building, they do not leave it as they found it. Mrs. Bailey stated no incident has been brought to her attention. If it had she would have spoken to the group and money would have been deducted from their \$100.00 security deposit that is required.

There was a discussion with regards to supervision for younger groups of children. There were concerns about children in the kitchen area. However, Mrs. Bailey stated children are not allowed in the kitchen.

Allita Paine inquired why the youth program can't take place in the schools. Chairmen O'Brien stated Town does not own the school buildings and therefore has no control over those buildings.

After some discussion, Mrs. Woodard stated the seniors are in fear of the Senior Center becoming a community center. Selectmen Langwasser stated the Senior Center is not big enough for a community center.

All members of the Board agreed the building policy would stand as is, seniors have priority for scheduling from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and if there are conflicts in evening scheduling, seniors have priority.

Don Lane and Mary Leadbeater were to discuss the possibility of protecting a tree on Gould Hill Road known as the "ghost tree". Chairmen O'Brien suggested talking to the property owner. It was noted the Historical Society would approach the property owner.

Mr. Lane also inquired as to the large amount of cut wood that is down along Gould Hill due to tree trimming by PSNH. The pieces are very large and not easily moved. Selectmen Congoran inquired if the wood could be dropped off at the wood bank. Mr. Cass will check with PSNH with regards to removal of the trees.

Mr. Lane also spoke to planning of the anniversary celebration. He noted there needs to be a point person so that efforts are not duplicated. The Historical Society has already launched a license plate program, the town curtains will be refurbished, and there will be a history of farming in Hopkinton, with farm equipment on display.

Mr. Lane was also in to speak to the lighting issue with the sign at the entrance of the Library, Senior Center and the athletic fields. It does not light up the whole sign, it can be fix but at a cost of about \$250.00. He would like the Boards permission to do so. The Board agreed to spend the \$250.00 for the lights.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Merle Dustin noted there are large tree trunks that along Dustin Road that need to be removed. She also reminded the Selectmen that Dustin Road should be lined. Mr. Cass will speak with John Thayer.

Lillian Landry inquired as to having someone at the center when it is rented out. She noted one time she came to the center on a Sunday to pick something up, the center was rented out and it was noted the air conditioner was on and the fireplace was also on.

Marion Paxton would like the Board to consider expanding the parking at the Library and Senior Center.

Discussion ensued with regards to accessibility of the building from the lower level entrance.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to approve the appointments of Kent Symonds, Michael Scott Coen, David White and John Chandler to the Road Committee. Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Congoran,
Pellerin and Goddard voting in favor of the
motion; no votes against, motion passes 5-0.

The Board thanked Lester Cressy for recruiting committee members. Mr. Cressy stated they will be meeting on Tuesday, March 27, with John Thayer.

Selectmen Pellerin explained the Conservation Easement for the Beyer property is to Audubon Society as the Beyer property abuts the Audubon land. Upon the purchase of the land, it was always the intent to grant the conservation easement to the Audubon Society.

Chairmen O'Brien spoke to the issue of reimbursement from the State on the flood control land. Discussion ensued with regards to the legislative process the bill would take. Further discussion ensued.

Chairmen O'Brien called a five minutes recess.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Board Assignment-Selectmen Langwasser nominated Jim O'Brien as Board chair. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Langwasser, Pellerin, Congoran,
and Goddard voting in favor of the motion;
O'Brien voting against motion; motion
passes; 4-1.

Chairmen O'Brien nominated Bryan Pellerin for vice chair. Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Pellerin,
Congoran and Goddard voting in favor
of the motion; no votes against; motion
passes; 5-0.

The Board members were assigned to the following committees:

Budget: Congoran	Planning Board: Langwasser
EDC: Pellerin	Open Space: Goddard
Recreation: O'Brien	Recycling: Goddard
Greener Hopkinton: Goddard	Sewer: Langwasser
Road: Pellerin	MOIC: Congoran

Committee Appointments: Mr. Cass suggested he contact all committee members whose terms are expired to see if they would like to be reappointed. He will bring the results to the next meeting.

Mr. Cass informed the Board about the Selectmen's Institute.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion ensued with regards to the forming of a Community Center Committee. The Board would like a good mix of members. Mr. Cass will do the charge for the committee. Lester Cressy suggested that HYSA be involved.

Chairmen O'Brien stated the vote at Town Meeting was to restore the position of Human Services to full-time. Discussion ensued regarding what services to provide, what is not being provided at this time, a new job description. Mr. Cass suggested the Board speak with the area clergy. Discussion ensued with regards to one full time position vs. two part time positions, one welfare, and one senior services.

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Goddard, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser,
Goddard and Congoran voting in favor
of motion; no votes against; motion
passes; 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.

	A	B	C
1		CONSENT AGENDA	
2		26-Mar-12	
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4	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST		
5		\$1,217,787.31	
6		\$92.30	
7		\$45,506.87	
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10	PAYROLL MANIFEST	\$57,652.23	
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17	TRANSFER OF FUNDS		
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22	CURRENT USE APPLICATION		
23	Jeffrey & Susan Dearborn	7.43 acres	
24			
25	VETERAN'S CREDIT		
26	Mueller, William		
27			
28	INTENT TO CUT		
29			
30			
31	ELDERLY & DISABLED TAX DEFERRAL		
32			
33			
34			
35	ELDERLY EXEMPTION		
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38	SOLAR EXEMPTION		
39	Christine and Darragh Madden		
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41	LAND USE CHANGE TAX		
42			
43			
44	APPOINTMENT PAPERS		
45	Deputy Warden-Thatcher Plante		
46	Road Committee-John P. Chandler		

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47	Road Committee-Kent M. Symonds		
48	Road Committee-Michael Scott Coen		
49	Road Committee-David A. White		
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51	PLANNING & ZONING		
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53			
54	AGRICULTURAL USE AGREEMENT		
55	Between Town and Bradley Watson re		
56	Ransmeier easement		
57			
58	ABATEMENTS		
59	Tony Celata -Sandy Beach	251.00	
60	Sandy Beach-trailers removed	1168.00	
61			
62	REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED		
63	Results of Town Meeting for DRA		
64			
65	2011 RECOMMITMENT WARRANTS		
66	2011 Property Tax Levy	393,075.49	
67	2011 Land Use Change Tax Levy	13,786.74	
68	2011 Timber Yield Tax Levy	260.00	
69	2011 Sewer Charges Levy	4,374.23	
70	2010 Tax Lien Levy	252,884.79	
71	2009 Tax Lien Levy	117,106.22	
72	2008 Tax Lien Levy	33,386.88	
73	2007 Tax Lien Levy	16,538.09	
74	2006 Tax Lien Levy	5,035.46	
75	2005 Tax Lien Levy	1,618.13	
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78	BUILDING PERMITS		
79	Gardens to Imagine-DENIED	240/06	
80	Mills Andrew	208/21	
81	Park Ave Plaza	101/67	
82	Owens Derek & Patricia	266/26	
83	Davis Andrew	240/44	
84	Nieder Linda	256/10	
85	Webster Peter	257/6	
86	Noble Brian	212/1-5	
87			
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89	TEMPORARY SIGN PERMIT		
90	Central NH Corvair Association		
91	Contoocook Methodist Church		