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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012 APPROVED April 23, 2012

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:34 PM on Monday, April 9, 2012.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman

Tom Congoran, Selectman(arriving at 5:40 pm)

George Langwasser, Selectman

Bryan Pellerin, Selectman

Denis Goddard, Selectman

Neal Cass, Town Administrator

Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Sue Strickford, Tom Murray, Lester and Bonnie Cressy, Mark Newton, Bob LaPree; Don Lane; Mona Lane, Merle Dustin, Aimee Gangel, Chuck Gangel

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

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

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser
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 26, 2012. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of March 26, 2012.

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

III. NEW BUSINESS

Tom Murray from TDS was in today to update the Board on the franchising negotiations that will be coming up shortly. Discussion ensued with regards to cable services, local channels. Discussion ensued with regards to those areas in town that are not covered. Chairmen O'Brien thanked Mr. Murray for coming in. Chairmen O'Brien suggested a committee be formed to look over the franchise agreement.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Chairmen O'Brien stated at town meeting the voters voted to increase the position to fulltime. Chairmen O'Brien stated the Board would like to know what needs are not currently being met and therefore would like input from the public.

Marion Paxton stated the previous job description is fine, why not use that. Do what the voters asked for.

Selectmen Pellerin stated the Board wants to incorporate the public input.

Chairmen O'Brien stated town meeting voted on the position but not the job description.

Don Lane stated the position is currently not meeting need. Welfare is only part of the job. He stated he doesn't understand why it was changed in the first place. Mr. Lane further stated the town voted for both welfare and human services.

Selectmen Langwasser stated there are areas of service that the town needs to stay clear of due to liabilities, one of those areas being reconciliation of checkbooks.

Merle Dustin stated the Board should ask Marilyn Bresaw what need is not being met.

Sue Strickford stated the Board is trying to do what is best for the town; it is not about the person in the position but the position itself. Required services (welfare) are being met.

Jim Hersey, a member of the Community Outreach Group stated position needs to:

1. Make a connection with clergy
2. Be the point person for the Outreach Group
3. Be the crisis person for the elderly and homebound

Mark Newton stated people are too proud to ask for help. It is important to provide services.

Selectmen Congoran stated the number of cases per month have been consistent. Due to the economy, he would have expected the case load to increase but it has not.

Sue Strickford stated she is worried about those that to do reach out for help. The Outreach Group can start by giving a food basket and from there the process starts.

Don Lane inquired why the cut Human Services. Chairmen O'Brien stated they cut the hours; they did not deny required services.

Don Lane also stated Ms. Bresaw also coordinates the baskets for Christmas and the project that center around holidays, like Thanksgiving, Easter, etc.

Marion Paxton stated Human Services is about caring for people.

Don Lane suggested the Board seek out the clergy in the area. It was noted the Board did invite the clergy, however, it being the week following Easter, most were unavailable. Mr. Cass will re-invite them.

Chairmen O'Brien thanked everyone for their comments.

V. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Janet Krzyzaniak, Chairmen of the ZBA, was in to see the Board about two things. She is requesting have the Board reappoint herself and Harry Perkins as members and to reappoint Greg McLeod as an alternate to the ZBA. She also informed the Board there are 3 lawsuits pending with regards to a 2006 application.

For the next item that Mrs. Krzyzaniak had, Selectmen Langwasser recused himself and sat with Mrs. Krzyzaniak at the table. Mrs. Krzyzaniak stated that she and George would like to donate a US flag and pole for the Slusser Senior Center. This gift will be in memory of George F. and Lillian Langwasser and J. Victor and Josephine Krzyzaniak.

Selectmen Congoran made a motion to accept the gift of a US flag and pole. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

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

Chairmen O'Brien thanked Mrs. Krzyzaniak and Mr. Langwasser for their gift.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Merle Dustin once again brought up the issue of the lawn at the gazebo. Discussion ensued with regards to previous discussions the Board has had with Ms. Dustin on this particular issue.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Flood Control Update-The Board discussed hiring the firm Dupont Group. This firm would work with the town and other impacted communities on issues relative to state reimbursement for flood control measures. The cost would be \$3,500 for the remainder of the legislative session.

Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to enter into a contract with Dupont Group. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

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

Community Center Committee-The Selectmen read the charge prepared by Mr. Cass. Discussion ensued as to the amount of the time the committee would have to prepare a report and what areas the committee would need to look into. The Board agreed that a preliminary report would be necessary by the 9-1-12. It was noted that about 7 applications for appointment to the committee have been received.

The Board acknowledges receipt of a letter from Arnold Coda.

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector update-The Board asked Town Clerk/Tax Collector Chuck Gangel to come forward. A discussion ensued with regards to appointing a new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector as it needs to be a resident and the other employees at the Clerk/Collector's office live out of town. It would be a stipend position.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cass had the following updates: Town Hall renovation plans will be ready in about one month.

TDS Contract- The Selectmen encourage that part of the negotiations should include town wide coverage and well as franchise fees. The contract for Comcast is also up for negotiations.

Mr. Cass noted an RFP for General Engineering Services.

Mr. Cass stated he was at a 2-day training for DOT; Rick Schaefer is enrolled in a 3 week management training course.

The Road Committee met last week.

Mr. Cass will be on vacation the week of April 23rd.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

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

CONSENT AGENDA

9-Apr-12

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST	\$110,834.84
	\$126,053.21

PAYROLL MANIFEST	\$467.52
	\$21,345.08

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

ABATEMENTS

Martel Audrey Map/Lot 222-30	GRANT
Green, Robert & Pamela Map/Lot 207-14	DENY
Delisle, Thomas & Judith Map/Lot 209-42	DENY
MHC Sandy Beach Map/Lot 208-3	DENY
Malo, Henry & Paulette Map/Lot 208-3-E9	DENY
Gordon, Bill & Laura Map/Lot 208-3-D11	

VETERAN'S CREDIT

Bedard, Michael Map/ Lot 245-40
Sanfilippo, John Map/Lot 221-64
Hamilton, David Map/Lot 256-14.1

INTENT TO CUT

Wells Map/Lot 215-15
Herrick Map/Lot 208-99-6
Foster Map/Lot 258-19
Fyre Map/Lot 258-10

TIMBER TAX WARRANT

Certifications	
Warrant	\$3,069.19

ELDERLY EXEMPTION

Cayer, Doris Map/Lot 206-17

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

APPOINTMENT PAPERS

Chuck Gangel re: Motor Vehicle Appointment

PLANNING & ZONING

Building Permits: Russell & Peterson Map 102 Lot 30

Demolition Permit: Newton Falls Fine Map 210 Lot 20
Paper

Turner, William DENY Map 221 Lot 71

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENT

Duston Country Club

BUILDING PERMITS

Return of Building Permit Fee \$144.00