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**SELECTMEN
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012
APPROVED September 24, 2012**

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 12, 2012.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
George Langwasser, Selectman
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Tom Congoran and Denis Goddard

Chairmen O'Brien stated that tonight's meeting was called regarding the matter of the Public Works building and the meeting Mr. Cass had with the independent insurance adjuster, Robert A. Lucas and Associates. Mr. Cass met with Tanner Royce.

Mr. Cass stated the independent adjuster stated there was substantial room for improvement. The independent adjuster believes, unlike LGC, that the slab needs to be replaced. This firm would also go through all the negotiations with LGC. Their rate is 10% of the amount above the initial offer. Mr. Cass also stated that Mr. Royce is familiar with the LGC adjuster.

Chairmen O'Brien stated he would like wording added to the contract that states the Board of Selectmen have finally approval of any offer. A discussion ensued with regards to other aspects of the contract.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to enter into a contract with Robert A. Lucas and Associates, Inc. to expedite the effort on a settlement in the matter of the highway building that was destroyed by fire. Their fee will be 10% of the amount over the initial offer from LGC in the amount of \$670,821.00. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

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

Chairmen O'Brien stated the next issue is timing. The Board met on Monday evening and has decided to go forward with Port One as the architect and Jewett Construction. The funding the project will have to be appropriated through a special town meeting.

Mr. Cass went over the timeline for a special town meeting, noting that the earliest we could have it would be November 10, 2012, but any delay in the process could change that. Mr. Cass noted we have put out a notice that we intend to have a special town meeting, then we petition the court as we need its approval for the meeting.

Mr. Cass stated he will be meeting with Craig Jewett from Jewett Construction on Friday.

Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to call a special town meeting for the purpose of bonding the cost of to replace the Highway building. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

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

Selectmen Langwasser would like the absent board members to affirm this decision at the next meeting.

Selectmen O'Brien will stay after the meeting to attend the Budget Committee meeting and explain what the Board is doing.

Mr. Cass announced the Board will be meeting with the School Board at the next meeting on September 24, 2012.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

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