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**SELECTMEN
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012
5:30 PM
Approved December 17, 2012**

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, December 3, 2012.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman

Tom Congoran, Selectman

George Langwasser, Selectman

Bryan Pellerin, Selectman

Neal Cass, Town Administrator

Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: Janet Krzyzaniak, Merle Dustin, Ken Wilkens, Sue Strickford, Marion Paxton

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Congoran made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion. Chairmen O'Brien made note that Bethann McCarthy has resigned from the Planning Board.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser and Congoran 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 November 19, 2012. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of November 19, 2012. Selectman Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectman Congoran to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting.

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

Budget Committee Update: Selectmen Congoran updated on the Board the on presentation of the budgets to the Budget Committee. It was noted that the Committee was interested in what happens now that we are not re-building the Highway Garage immediately. And the other concern was if the town is asking to release the Community Center funds can they be used against other bonds at a higher interest rate. Selectmen Congoran reports the Committee was very appreciative of Mr. Cass's work on the budget. Discussion ensued with regards to how best to use the Community Center money if the town approves of its release.

Special Town Meeting Review: Discussion ensued as to what could have been done better at the Special Town Meeting. Selectmen Pellerin stated he heard that the public did not think the process was transparent with regards to the costs and bids. Merle Dustin questions why it had to be so big and why had to be heated. Marion Paxton that even though the Town made every effort to get the word out to the public, so people still did not know about the meeting or did not know there would be a vote. Sue Strickford stated the bays have to be heated so they can work on the trucks when they break down, also if the sand is kept in the trucks it will freeze if it is not in a heated area. She further stated that diesel would not work well in the cold. Janet Krzyzaniak states the road crew has no place to go during storms to get work. She further stated that people just assumed it would pass and so did not show up. Discussion ensued with regards to the building being more "green". Ken Wilkens suggested build the building that you can with the insurance money and then go to town meeting and ask for the rest to finish the building. Mr. Cass stated we cannot move forward without Town approval and they voted no building. Mr. Cass further stated that the crew is very scattered about the town and in Warner. Selectmen Pellerin stated it is important for them to have their own space. The Board will hold a series of public hearings before Town Meeting.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Janet Krzyzaniak, Budget Committee Chair, stated the Budget Committee has decided it does not need to meet for the next two meetings as Mr. Cass and Selectmen Congoran presentation of the budget made it clear the increases in the budget was due to retirement changes.

Marion Paxton inquired as to how the mailing for the Special Town Meeting was sent. Mr. Cass stated Postal Patron. Mrs. Paxton's mail is picked up in Henniker and therefore she did not receive a notice. She also stated that at times the web site is not current.

Chairmen O'Brien stated the CVP Commissioners are raising the water rates by almost 52% and he wanted the Board to be aware of it.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cass informed the Board that the Mr. & Mrs. Rotundi have sent a bill to the Town of Hopkinton stating we are using their land for the right of way. The Board agreed to send the information to town counsel.

VI. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Mr. Cass informed the Board the tax rate was set on Thursday and the bills were all mailed on Friday.

Mr. Cass handed out the proposed meeting schedule for the Board for 2013 as well as the holiday schedule for 2013.

Mr. Cass informed the Board that he had attended the Shared Services meeting.

Mr. Cass informed the Board there are 27 applicants for the Fire Chief position.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Selectmen Langwasser informed the Board he would not be able to attend the next meeting.

The Board would like Mr. Cass to contact Kelly Davis as he was scheduled to meeting with them tonight, but did not show. The Board would like him to attend the next meeting. The Board would also like the builder, Craig Jewett at the next meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II-RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) Personnel

Selectman Congoran moved to go into a non-public session regarding a personnel issue under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Selectman Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Langwasser, Pellerin, Congoran and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4-0).

The Board and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 7:04 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 7:30 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Selectman Pellerin moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session for 90 days. Selectman Langwasser seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Langwasser, Pellerin, Congoran and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Congoran, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

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