

# SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 10, 2012

Board Members in attendance- Margaret Schillemat, Chair, Winston (Bud) French, and Administrative Assistant Edie Drinkwater

Others on the Agenda or present- Tom Buttrick, Ken Bergeron, Russ Thomas, Barry Tolman, Patricia Maneses, Chief Pratt

The meeting was opened by Margaret Schillemat at 7:03 p.m.

1. Resident Tom Buttrick was first on the Agenda. Tom requested the appointment on behalf of the Monadnock Folklore Society. Tom wanted to review the dance schedule as it pertains to the Town Hall rental. MFS had previously been informed (by letter) that the Town Hall would not be available the night before a Federal Election. This is due to the requirements of setting up the handicap voting booth and the special phone cable connection to the state of NH reporting system. Tom requested that this ruling be reconsidered and that he would like a meeting before the board to include Terri Upton (TC/TC) to try to work out a different arrangement. He also wanted clarification of "Federal Election". The board agreed to call in Terri Upton for the next board meeting along with Tom to further discuss the matter. The selectmen also informed Tom that the MFS would only be allowed to book the Town Hall One year at a time and would be renewable upon contacting the Town Office with a schedule each year.

On another topic Tom informed the board that he had a spreadsheet that might be helpful in formatting the Town Budget for annual presentation. He agreed to bring it in to the Town Office.

2. The next appointment was Ken Bergeron to discuss a previous error by assessors in taxing his property (located in Stoddard) as Nelson property. Upon review he feels that this past year the reassessment has addressed the problem and the corrections have been made. He was offered an abatement form but he declined since he believes the error has now been corrected. He then discussed a request to put in a holding tank on his property because a septic system could not meet regulations. He would like a letter from the board of Selectmen to send into the State of NH indicating they have no objections as long as all Federal, State, and local requirements are met. The board was not sure such a letter would be necessary but would consider it. He was told he may also need a variance. Further, Mr. Bergeron is also considering merging two non-conforming properties which are contiguous with a lot line adjustment. He would need to contact the Planning Board and the Selectmen suggested he also contact Cross Country assessors to review the benefits of such a merger. He agreed.
3. Next on the agenda was resident Russ Thomas and at this time Barry Tolman enter the audience. Russ came before the board to discuss an email letter he had sent to Margaret. Mr. Thomas had been informed by someone that a padlock was put on the door to the upstairs room in the Town Office. He inquired why the public had not been notified first or the people who use it. Bud stated

that the Town Clerk did know and should have informed those working under her direction. Mr. Thomas asked if he had a right to know as a resident. He then said he wants to be sure that the rules of executive session are used wisely and correctly.

Both selectmen expressed appreciation to Mr. Thomas for his manner of presentation of his request for openness. Margaret indicated that personnel issues have been the focus of executive sessions and they are not to be aired in a public forum. Margaret also stated that access has always continued to the upstairs but the safety and security of the documents housed upstairs had to be considered.

Mr. Thomas next wanted to know why the Police Department Report in the Annual Town Report did not list all crimes, arrests, and information about the police owned vehicles. He said he would like to see the number of calls, accidents, and total mileage all listed. Discussion then ended and Mr. Thomas was thanked for coming in.

4. Patricia Maneses, the Financial Clerk, entered the meeting area and asked to talk about her job. Margaret moved to go into executive session for discussion of personnel matters with sealed minutes. RSA 91A:3 II this was seconded by Bud and both voted in the affirmative at 8:45 PM.
5. At 9:01 PM the board ended the executive session and returned to the public meeting. As paperwork was being read, reviewed and signed Terri Upton entered requesting Margaret and Bud sign the sealed box of ballots after the polls closed. Margaret then moved to adjourn, seconded by Bud and both voted in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

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Margaret Schillemat

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Warren Hammack

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Winston O. French