

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 17, 2012

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

Others on the Agenda or present- Tom Buttrick, Terri Upton, Bethan Kendrick, Jason Walters, Russ Thomas, Tom Rup, Patricia Maneses, Chief Pratt

The meeting was opened by Margaret Schillemat at 7:00 p.m.

1. First on the Agenda was Tom Buttrick. He was asked about the Fire Department's personal checkbook as he was the Fire Department's treasurer. There had been a previous error in the electronic transfer from this account in 2010 and the board wanted to be sure the money had been properly returned and the error corrected. John Shea will be asked to provide Tom with bank statements to be reviewed. Bud informed Tom that the Town auditor, Terry Mednick wants this account and the Police Department personal account included in his annual audit. Tom said that these were not town accounts and not subject to audit inclusion. The selectmen agreed but Margaret said she would check with the LGC to be certain.
2. Terri Upton was then called in to join Tom for a discussion of Town Hall use on the night before Federal elections. Terri did not remember the selectmen's request for her attendance at the meeting. After a brief reminder she did recall that Edie had presented the request and apologized to Edie. Terri then explained the detail involved in the set up and the need for her equipment to be assembled and in place the night before elections. Terri explained a "Triple T" (Tub, Table, Tent) set up for handicap access as well as the electronic phone connection required for reporting to the state. This connection must be connected the day before for testing and remain through the election. Terri noted that State and Federal voting requirements have increased over the years. In the past the equipment had been set up, the phone line connected and then when the Town Hall was used that night by the MFS the equipment had been disassembled and the crucial phone line disconnected. This was discovered by Terri just shortly before the polls were due to open. Terri stated that many of these requirements came into effect in 2006. Tom indicated he feels that the MFS should still be able to use the Town Hall the night before an election if his group promised to reset the voting equipment after their dance. He said they would do this to Terri's exact direction. Terri said she has great concerns about this request and asked that the selectmen maintain the prior decision of no use of the Town Hall the night before any Federal election. The only possible exception would be a Town election. Terri asked Tom if he could be responsible for that large number of people not to remove or damage the signage, phone cable and State owned equipment. Terri again said she hoped the selectmen would hold to the previous decision. Addressing Tom, she said "if you show respect for the election process then I guess I don't have a problem." The selectmen

decided to wait for Warren to return to discuss the matter again and make a decision. Margaret requested a search for the minutes of the selectmen's meeting when this matter had been decided approximately 2 years ago.

Before Tom left he was told that a time would be set up with John Shea to review Tom's spreadsheet for Town Budget formatting and also the Fire Department checking account.

3. Next to come before the board were Bethan Kendrick and Jason Walters to discuss the reevaluation of Mrs. Kendrick's property. Before beginning Jason was asked to become a member of the new Joint Loss Management Committee. After an overview of the position he said he would give it some thought and discuss it with his wife. With that the discussion returned to Mrs. Kendrick's belief that the current assessed value of her property is too high. Mrs. Kendrick stated that when her new evaluation arrived she called Cross Country and was told her property was waterfront and therefore assessed higher. She stated this is not true and believes the Cross Country assessor could not have actually been on her property. Mrs. Kendrick gave a brief outline of her financial dilemma and the timber damage to her property during the "Ice Storm". After reviewing the property cards Margaret said it appears that the house was improved since the last assessment. It was then clarified that actually another house was built on the property and although not on the lake there are now two homes on the property. The board did agree to have Cross Country meet with Mrs. Kendrick to walk through the houses and discuss the reevaluation before moving forward with an abatement form.
4. Russ Thomas was next with a brief request to add his letter from the previous meeting to be attached to the minutes in its entirety. All agreed and a full copy of the letter was presented to the selectmen.
5. Hope Lothrop then came before the board to discuss the schedule of school payments. It was agreed to make payments of \$150,000. Per month and it was understood that one or two payments per year may be higher once all factors are considered. Hope noted there was a difference between her calculations and the school board which needs reconciliation. Hope will send an email with the final adjusted figures. After Hope left the board decided to pay \$160,000.00 in the January payment in an effort to avoid an extremely high payment in May.
6. Margaret then moved to go into a Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91: A II (a&c). This was seconded by Bud and both voted in favor at 8:26 PM.
7. The Non-Public session ended at 9:58 PM and the board returned to the public session. All paperwork was then read, reviewed, and signed. Margaret noted that the status of the Non-Public session should be indicated in the public minutes and upon a motion by Margaret and seconded by Bud they voted in the affirmative. With that Margaret then stated that prior to the close of the non-public session a unanimous vote was taken to seal the minutes due to the content in accordance with RSA 91: A 3. In review of the RSA the board agreed that one or more

of the provisions of this RSA apply in the consideration to seal the minutes permanently. It was so voted and they will remain sealed into perpetuity.

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM.

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Margaret Schillemat

Warren Hammack

Winston O. French