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**Board of Selectmen
19 January 2012
Minutes**

5:05 pm – Selectman Hatch called the meeting to order. Present were Selectmen Rachel Hatch and Ralph Lavin, Town Administrator Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne.

After attendance everyone stood for the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Draft Warrant Articles

Tim informed the Selectmen the warrant articles had been forwarded to Town Counsel for review, and some changes had been made. He also noted that a new petition warrant article had been received, and added to the warrants. The article is to adopt SB2 for voting on Town issues. He noted that a public hearing would have to be scheduled.

5:10 pm – **Chairman Guarino arrived at the meeting.**

Fire Dept. Articles - Chief Hempel addressed the articles the fire department had submitted.

One was to lease a new ambulance. After considerable discussion the selectmen agreed to support the article, but to eliminate funding the Capital Reserve Ambulance Fund this year.

Selectman Hatch was concerned because she had been told that Chief Hempel had caused a stir at the budget committee by presenting his articles to the Budget Committee. She stated that the Selectmen review and finalize warrant articles, and either support or don't support them, and then the Selectmen present them to the budget committee. Selectman Hatch added that tonight was the first time the Selectmen had seen the article, and felt the Chief should not have presented it to the budget committee.

Chief Hempel apologized, and said there had been a misunderstanding. He was presenting his budget and had just wanted to let the budget committee know what was going to be presented from his department.

The other article was to change the name of the existing Replace Forestry 1 Capital Reserve to Forestry Vehicles Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen supported this change.

Tim informed the Selectmen that, due to a grant received, a new line for grants had been added to the fire department budget.

Police Department Articles – Chief O’Brien addressed the article the police department had submitted for a new police cruiser. There is money in the Police Cruiser Replacement Capital Reserve Fund for the cruiser. The Selectmen supported the article.

Selectman Hatch asked Chief O’Brien what he had told the budget committee when he had presented his budget regarding the sergeant position. She had concerns about reports she had heard. The Chief said he had explained how he had come up with his figures, and that he had wanted to cut the sergeant position to a part-time position, but the Selectmen hadn’t wanted to do that, and had made cuts to his operating budget to level fund the budget.

Tim said one of the budget committee members had suggested funding the sergeant’s position as a full-time position, and to eliminate one patrolman position and a cruiser. There was discussion that the budget committee couldn’t tell a department to eliminate a position. Selectman Lavin stated that Budget Committee Chair Stan Bean told the committee that they were not to micromanage the departments.

Recycling Articles - Recycling Manager Justin Leavitt addressed the article to install a new entrance at the Transfer Station. After discussion, the Selectmen agreed to support the article.

The Selectmen reviewed the rest of the warrant articles including the Capital and Non-Capital Reserve Articles. The Selectmen did not support the petition warrant article for the Year-Round Library.

Budget – Tim informed the Selectmen that a couple of new lines had been added to the budget. One was for a Town vehicle, which will be used for town business by employees, and another is for Capital Outlay Grants, which include grants for the restoration of the windows in the Academy Building and the furnishings at the Safety Building.

Approval of Minutes – MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2012 as presented. Chairman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Selectman Hatch was not present at the meeting.

6:35 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) - Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation against the Town or

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Town Officials, Board Members or employees. Selectman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectmen discussed a legal issue.

6:47 pm – Selectman Hatch moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to seal the minutes of the above non-public meeting. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

6:48 pm – Selectman Hatch moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk