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**Board of Selectmen  
11 January 2013  
Minutes**

**4:30 pm** - Chairman Rachel Hatch called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Hatch, Selectmen Ralph Lavin and Brett Currier and Clerk Lois Dionne.

Members of the public present were Betty Ann Abbott, Joe Hempel, Frank Gianni, Stan and Alice Bean, Roger and Elena Ball and Tom Scribner.

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

**Capital Reserve Warrant Articles** – Chairman Hatch stated that Budget Committee Chairman Brian Forst had requested this meeting for the Selectmen to reconsider their decision not to include the Capital Reserve Articles on the Warrant. At the Budget committee meeting on Wednesday, the budget committee and the members of the public present made it clear that they felt the articles should be included, and the residents should be given the opportunity to decide if they wanted to support them. Chairman Hatch had copies capital reserve fund balances sheet and the capital improvement plan. She said she would turn the meeting over to Chairman Forst.

Brian said his concern was that the articles weren’t available for the people to see; he isn’t asking the Selectmen to support or not support the articles, just make them available for residents to see, and make up their mind if they wished to support them. He said we still have time to hold another public hearing, but had had warned them at the public hearing that weren’t on the warrant because, at that time, he had thought it was too late for us to do anything about it.

Selectman Currier wanted it known that he was the one who had called for tonight’s meeting because he is now in agreement with everyone here that the Select Board had made a mistake; they should have included them with a zero dollar figure, and he is now willing to do that. Selectman Currier said he would have liked it if Brian had, when he stuck his head in the door during the Selectmen’s meeting just prior to the public hearing, and given him the courtesy of a discussion then so there wouldn’t have been the “circus” that had been at the hearing. Chairman Hatch said she didn’t think Brian knew that there was a second window of opportunity. Brian said he also didn’t have the warrant articles at that time. Selectman Currier said if he had had the information from the CIP available, he would have been willing to forward the articles with a zero dollar amount,

because once he had the information, it made more sense to him. Selectman Currier said the reason he had asked for this meeting was to have the Selectmen vote to send the articles with a zero recommendation. Chairman Hatch said the Board didn't know there would be a zero recommendation, and they should review each article.

Brian apologized if it had felt like a blindside to the selectmen at the hearing; he hadn't intended it as such, but felt he had to make it known in a public hearing that the articles weren't included.

The Selectmen reviewed all the capital reserve articles. Each article was addressed individually, the reason for wanting or not wanting to support the article this year, and the balance that is currently in each of the capital reserve accounts. Leasing vs. purchasing vehicles was also discussed.

With the exception of two articles, the town driveways fund, and the fire command vehicle, it was agreed to forward the articles with a zero recommendation from the Selectmen. Both of the articles that were forwarded with a money amount were forwarded with the recommendation of a lesser amount from the Selectmen than is being asked for in the warrant article. Chairman Hatch and Selectman Lavin recommended these two articles. Selectman Currier recommended zero for all the articles.

Selectman Currier stated he is not trying to do away with capital reserve accounts, but in this tough economic time, he is trying to give the residents a break on their taxes for one year. There was also discussion and concern on the way the warrant article for raises for town employees had been written.

After reviewing the articles, Chairman Forst said he agreed that several of the articles don't need money this year. He also cautioned about leasing because of the debt service. He said when buying, you can give the taxpayers a break for one year, but with leasing you can't because you can't hold money back for one year, the lease payments have to be made every year.

Selectman Currier was concerned about how we could get information out to people to make them aware of what was happening.

**Light – Edgerly Rd.** – A resident had requested a light, which had not been working in over eight years, but that had recently been upgraded with a LED light be removed. He is the only one that lives on that road, and the light shines in his bedroom window. The Selectmen, Road Agent and Police Chief were to check to see if they felt the need for a light to be there.

Selectman Currier said he had driven out there, and saw no need for the light. Lois said the road agent had felt the same, we have not heard back from the police department.

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**MOTION – Selectman Currier moved to have the light on Edgerly Road removed. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Chairman Hatch thanked all the residents for coming tonight.

**5:37 pm – MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne  
Recording Clerk