

**Board of Selectmen
17 December 2012
Minutes**

4:00 pm – Chairman Rachel Hatch called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Hatch, Selectmen Ralph Lavin and Brett Currier and Clerk Lois Dionne. Also in attendance were employees from the Selectmen's office and Jen Correia.

4:02 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) - Dismissal, promotion or setting compensation for public employees or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected has a right to a meeting or requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

The Selectmen and employees discussed issues that had arisen, and who would assume which responsibilities in the office while Tim Warren is out on leave.

5:37 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

Inspections – Faith and Bill Tobin, our contract-building inspectors, had requested to meet with the Selectmen. We have been using them on an as-needed basis. They wanted to know if the Selectmen were planning on hiring a building inspector next year, or if they wanted them to continue as they were doing, and if the Town was satisfied with the way they were performing their duties. The Tobins usually work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, but have been very accommodating to fit in other times when necessary and their time permits.

Because building has not increased, the Selectmen want to continue hiring the Tobins on an as-needed basis. They are satisfied with the way things have been working, and said they have heard no complaints from the residents.

The Tobins complimented the office staff for the way they work with them. Annette and the staff does a good job preparing and setting things up for the inspections so it makes things easy for them; they couldn't do it without the staff, and they are a pleasure to work with.

Budget Committee Meeting – Chairman Hatch stated that not all the outside agencies had been contacted in a timely manner so they could attend the budget meeting. She said Budget Committee Chair Brian Forst said he would be willing to meet with representatives from those committees who were unable to attend on January 2nd after the school budget has been presented. Lois was given a list of people to contact to see if they would like to attend.

Chairman Hatch said there had been questions at the budget meeting that she had been unable to answer, including detail rate, lease of cruiser, salaries and if the Fire and Police Departments were accurately accounted for in the budget. Tim had not left the information, so she will have Jen Correia look into it.

Planning Board Meeting – Selectman Lavin said an issue had come up at the planning board meeting regarding a land development issue (Burl project). He asked how to find out how many parcels in Sawyer Lake were owned by the Town. He was told Cindy Bedford could probably give him that information. Selectman Lavin asked if Selectman Currier had been speaking as a selectman or a resident when he had addressed the planning board; the planning board was unclear. Selectman Currier responded that he had been speaking as a resident.

School Budget – Selectman Lavin said he had received his copy of the school budget today. He noted that members of the school board had commented on the Selectmen's budget, so asked why he couldn't comment on theirs. He was told he could. It was noted that the school's budget request had gone down. Selectman Lavin asked if this might have something to do with the fact that he and others had pointed out that the school budget had increased every year for the past ten years, while the Town budget had remained the same, and even decreased. Chairman Hatch said the reason for the decrease had been due to a decrease in the number of students and in special education.

Taxes – Selectman Lavin stated that the Town taxes had gone down, and told Chairman Hatch that she should be proud that it happened under her chairmanship.

Letter of Concern – The Selectmen received a letter (copy attached) of concern about the way a call was handled by the sheriff dispatch on December 9th.

There was a very brief discussion during which it was stated that it was the usual response in such a situation.

Pumping of Septic Tank – It was determined that no one could remember the last time the septic tank at the Academy Building had been pumped, or where the tank is located. Selectman Currier said he would find the location of the tank, dig it up, and then have Lois call a septic company.

Salt /Sand Repairs – Lois said Tim informed her the day he left that the salt/sand shed at the GYO park had two slits, and we needed patches. She said she had called the contact she had been given four times, and had emailed him. The phone calls were never returned, and the email was not a good address any more. Brian Forst is the one who had initially contacted the company, so Selectman Currier said he would contact Brian to see if he could get any information on how to get hold of them.

Warrant Article – Term Limits - The Selectmen had previously discussed presenting a warrant article for term limits for Board and committee members. At the advise of Town Counsel strongly recommending against such an article, the Selectmen have dropped the idea.

Fire Dept. – Fire Chief Hempel stated that they need a radio repeater to improve communication. He said there is space on the new cell tower. Chief Hempel said he had been getting quotes on the cost, and had then met with his emergency management representative and found out there are some emergency management grants available that will fund 50% of the cost, and would require a warrant article. Chief Hempel said he had two thousand dollars left in the emergency management line in his budget, and if he encumbered that amount now, and the other departments that include emergency management, fire, police and highway contribute the balance of a cost of about \$650 per department; it could be completely paid for without having to have a warrant article. The whole project cost is about \$9,000 and the state matches half of that. The grant request application has been submitted.

The question arose as to whether we would have to have a warrant article to accept such a grant. Chief Hempel will check with Jen Correia.

Belmont County Commissioners – Chief Hempel presented the Selectmen with a letter from the Belknap County Commission informing them of the cost we have to pay for LR Mutual Fire Aid. The county pays the invoice, and we reimburse them through the county tax in December.

6:30 pm – Break

6:35 pm – Back in Session

Warrant Articles – There was a brief discussion of warrant articles.

Approval of Minutes – Selectman Lavin moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2012 as written. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

7:00 pm – Selectman Currier moved to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) - Dismissal, promotion or setting compensation for public employees or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected has a right to a

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The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

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The Selectmen started discussion a personnel issue.

At 7:10 pm, we lost electrical power, so the non-public session was discontinued.

Power was not restored, and because we were unable to contact Paula Gilman, who was scheduled at 7:30, the Selectmen remained until Paula arrived.

7:30 pm – MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk

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To whom it might concern

at 10:58 AM

On Sunday, 12/09, I call
San Jose department to request AN
officer to check suspicious people
+ a couple at Beach 1, San Jose
Lake.

He refused to let me on contact!!
Gilman police. That worries me!!

Plus - he would only let me to
fine department. So, one engine
and at least 3 fire fighters responded
and told the guys to put the fine out.
Isn't that a little expensive & not
very effective? A lot more

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