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Board of Selectmen 7 November 2011 Minutes

6:01 pm - Chairman Don Guarino called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Guarino, Selectmen Rachel Hatch and Ralph Lavin and Town Administrator Tim Warren. Recording Clerk Lois Dionne was on vacation.

Also in attendance were Police Chief O'Brien and Roger and Elena Ball.

After attendance, everyone stood for the "Pledge of Allegiance".

<u>Police Department Budget</u> – The Selectmen reviewed the police department budget with Chief O'Brien. There was a brief discussion of the overtime line in the budget.

Chief O'Brien said he would like to expand his clerk's hours, because often there are no officers at the station after the clerk leaves at 4:00, and days when he is there until 6:00 he has people ringing the bell and knocking on the windows wanting pistol permits and insurance reports. He felt it would be good if, a couple of nights a week, they could be open until 6:00pm to allow people the opportunity to do these things. There was a brief discussion of the issue.

7:00 pm – Public Input

Volunteer Help - Elena Ball asked if the Town would consider volunteers to work at the police station for the hours between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm when the clerk is not there. Chairman Guarino stated that the Selectmen are working on a policy to accept volunteers, but currently they are not accepting volunteers; they will consider it after they have a policy.

Military Preference for jobs – Elena Ball asked if Gilmanton did anything to give preference to military personnel coming back to NH when we hire for painting jobs or such. We have not done so in the past.

7:10 pm – Selectman Hatch moved to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) - Dismissal, promotion or setting compensation for public employees or the

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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 Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

<u>7:40 pm – Selectman Hatch moved to come out of Non-Public Session</u>. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

7:41 pm – Recess

7:45 pm – Back in Session

Recycling Center Budget

Sign at Recycling Center - Selectman Hatch asked Justin about the new sign at the recycling center. She said she had been asked about the sign, and knew nothing about it. Justin said recently he has been dealing with new vendors, who have been ending up in Laconia or Belmont because there was no sign to let them know what the center is. Some new residents are also having the same problems, which is the main reason he had asked to have the sign made. Selectman Hatch asked why the Board didn't know about the sign. There was discussion of the sign. Selectman Hatch asked Tim if he had known about the sign; he did. She asked why he hadn't mentioned it to the Selectmen, so they wouldn't have "egg on their faces". She wants the Board to be informed of such matters.

Budget - The Selectmen reviewed the recycling center budget with Recycling Manager Justin Leavitt.

There was discussion regarding building maintenance and the need for repairs to the glass crusher.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to take \$4,000 from the glass recycling account putting \$2,000 to repair the glass crusher and \$2,000 for building maintenance. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

There was also the consensus of the Selectmen to approve the purchase of a cabinet to store flammable liquids and to buy new hammers for the glass crusher this year, rather than budget it for next year. There is money in the budget.

GAT - The tonnage sent to Penacook for October was 101.38 tons, which is up from 90.51 tons in October 2010.

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Records Retention Committee - The Selectmen briefly discussed the need to establish a records retention committee. The need for such a committee had been brought to their attention by the town clerk.

MOTION- Selectman Hatch moved to implement a records retention committee. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes - The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of their last meeting.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of October 31, 2011 as written. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

9:30 pm – Selectman Hatch 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 Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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10:10 pm – Selectman Hatch moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

10:11 pm – MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

For Tim Warren Lois Dionne