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**Board of Selectmen
19 January 2010
Minutes**

5:07 pm - Chairman Rachel Hatch called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Hatch, Selectman Betty Ann Abbott, Town Administrator Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne. Due to the late scheduling of the meeting, and prior commitments, Selectman Guarino was unable to attend. Also in attendance was Fire Chief K G Lockwood.

Roof – Iron Works Fire Station - There was discussion that the building inspector had been to the Iron Works fire station, and had been ready to condemn the building because the metal roof was leaking onto the conduit. Chief Lockwood confirmed that there is a leak, and the water runs down and follows the conduit.

Chairman Hatch said she had spoken with Bob, and had gotten the name of a roofing contractor that works on metal roofs, and had asked Bob to give us until the end of the week to get something done. She asked permission from the Board to have someone contact the company Bob had suggested to get a price to fix the roof. It was the consensus of the board that the contractor should be contacted, and Tim suggested that we get an estimate to repair the metal roof at the recycling center at the same time, as that also has a leak. Tim will contact the company.

Budget Discussions & Warrant Articles

The Selectmen reviewed items in the budget and the warrant articles. One item of discussion was that the funds for the site plan for the proposed public safety building needed to be encumbered from the 2009 budget. During a brief discussion it was decided to expend the funds out of the highway department budget.

MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to expend the funds from the Highway Department budget for the site plan design that Paul Darbyshire is doing for the proposed public safety building. Chairman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

There was a brief discussion on the safety building. Tim said some contractors had asked how much to allow for permitting fees in their proposal. It was felt that because it is a town building, the permitting fees should be waived. Last week Paul Darbyshire was to present the site plan to the planning board for comment and approval. Tim said he spoke with Town Counsel, and had been told that according to RSA 674-54, the Town is not

required to abide by the Town's land-use regulations. Tim added that we are going through the regular permitting process.

6:00 pm – Town Counsel was to have met with the Selectmen at 6:00 pm, but was unable to make the meeting.

The Selectmen continued discussion on the budget and warrant articles along with other issues that had to be decided.

Selectman Abbott stated that she and Tim had attended the workshop on how to write warrant articles, and our warrant articles had been reviewed. She said they had received clarification on a couple of articles, and changes in wording had been recommended to a couple other articles.

Mold Removal – Chairman Hatch stated that she wanted to get the contract awarded for the mold removal in the basement. There was a brief discussion of the project, and that one bidder had proposed using ½" sheet rock in some areas, and 5/8" sheet rock in other areas. It has been since determined that 5/8" should be used in all areas.

MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to award the bid for the sheet rock replacement associated with the mold removal contract to JR Stockwell. Chairman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

New Furnace – Iron Works Fire Station – Chief Lockwood informed the board that the Iron Works fire station needs a new furnace. He got two bids for the furnace replacement. The current furnace was installed in 1972. Chief said he could get the new furnace for \$8,474. This includes replacing the entire unit and to fix some plumbing to the furnace; the estimated saving with the new furnace is 500 to 700 gallons of oil a year. There was a brief discussion on the furnace, and where the funds would come from to pay for it. Tim said there is \$6,100 in the non-capital reserve fire department plant maintenance fund. He said there is \$7,000 going into budget for repair and maintenance of the Iron Works station. The Selectmen Okayed the purchase of the new furnace.

Tax Increase – Tim had a letter from Diane Jordan who owns property on Guinea Ridge Road regarding the increase in her taxes. She felt taxes for people age 65 and over should be frozen, and that they should eliminate the school tax for seniors. Ms. Jordan questioned the value of her property. Tim will forward the letter to George Hildum, Town Assessor.

Town Report – Tim reminded the Selectmen that they had to decide to whom they wish to dedicate the Town Report and also to decide on what they want on the cover.

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6:40 pm – MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk