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On the above date the board of Selectmen held a meeting at Town hall at 7:00 PM. Chairman Duval Presided, present were Michael Ouellette, Arthur Harrington, Richard Blanchard, Joseph Nowak, Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator and Edmund R. St. John III, Town Counsel.

CLERK

Chairman Duval called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

READING OF THE MINUTES

A motion made by Member Harrington, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of December 4, 2013 – 4 Yeas, 1 Abstain (JD) motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Harrington to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of December 11th, 2013 – Unanimous motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

A motion made by Member Harrington, seconded by Member Ouellette to move the Police Department next on the agenda - Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to approve the ratification of Aaron Durant to the position of Reserve Officer – Unanimous motion passed.

Chief Tarsa introduced the new K-9 Unit and his handler to the Board. Officer Curtis Crane will be the handler and trainer for Kumar who will be multipurpose patrol dog. He will be trained to locate missing persons, residents with memory issues and for narcotics searches.

CITIZENS CONFERENCE

Resident, Jeff Lefebvre wanted to commend the DPW Department for the great job they had done with plowing the roads. MGCC met this past Sunday and it went well, the students attended and they did a good job. Jeff also commented on Solarized Mass, he had a schedule of the times & dates to view the show that was recorded regarding the Solarized Mass Program.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to approve the date for Special Town Meeting on March 3, 2014 – Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Blanchard to open the warrant for Special Town Meeting on March 3, 2014 – Unanimous motion passed.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. Memorial Building Roof Replacement – Project will be published in the Berkshire Eagle on February 25 and in Central Register on February 26, EDM (Town Architect) will conduct a Pre-Bid Site Tour on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 8:30 AM. Final bids are due on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 2:00 PM in the Administrators office, where they will be publicly open and read.
2. There was a public forum and conversation held today at the Council on Aging where Chairman Duval, Donna Cesan and myself went through a brief presentation and then answered questions for around 90 minutes. There were around 35 seniors in attendance and it was a great opportunity to get some information out to that audience.
3. Solarize Adams – The Solar 101 event this past Wednesday at the Adams Library was a great success. At that event we were able to formally sign up 65 homeowners for site assessments with our installer. We are working to set a date in mid-March for the Meet the Installer event, which will get even more information out to Town residents and provide another opportunity for people to sign up.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The approval of the Interim Management Plan was tabled to a future meeting.

TOWN COUNSELORS REPORT

Supervise execution of purchase and sale agreement, communicated with town staff and with Attorney representing seller regarding terms of agreement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CT Plunkett School will be holding a Read across America on Monday, March 3, 2014.

APPROVALS

A motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Harrington to approve the facilities request of ProAdams to use the Visitors Center March 1, 2014 for Thunderfest – Unanimous motion passed.

A motion made by Member Harrington, seconded by Member Ouellette to approve a One Day Wine & Beer license for Wandering Star on March 1, 2014 – Unanimous motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda items: Member Ouellette requested that a discussion regarding the banning of plastic bags at a future Workshop Meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Member Harrington commended on the DPW Department and how well they have taken care of the roads. He also suggested that residents with a fire hydrant located near their homes to help the Fire Department and clear away the snow so they are easier to locate. Member Blanchard attended a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting where they expressed concerns on Elm Street and would like the Traffic Commission look into their concerns. Member Nowak asked if the Board was going to still have Strategic Planning event, Chairman Duval replied they were but it has been put on hold right now. Member Nowak also read a letter he received from the Governor regarding the Greylock Glen project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion made by Member Blanchard, seconded by Member Harrington to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect of the government's bargaining or litigation position, and the chair so declares – Roll Call Vote – Unanimous motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
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Recording Secretary

John E. Duval

Joseph J. Nowak
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