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Nancy Hawley, Chairman

BOARD OF FINANCE EMERGENCY MEETING

JULY 13, 2012 2:00PM

Board Members present: Walter Barlow, Lori Franklin, Nancy Hawley, Dennis MacDonald,
Michael Reed, Donald Shail

Guests present: Atty. Fred L. Baker, Rick Harrison

Agenda Item #1:

Call to order at 2:00PM by Chairman Nancy Hawley.

The Chairman thanked the members for attending on short notice.

Motion by Donald Shail with a second by Michael Reed, for Board to go into executive session.

Chairman Hawley, asked Atty. Baker for an opinion on the motion.

Atty. Baker responded that in this instance, an executive session decision is only allowed if:

- (a) There is pending litigation or
- (b) If there is a claim

Atty. Baker continued by stating "at this point, there is only an impending investigation".

Following extensive discussion, the motion for executive session was withdrawn by Shail and Reed.

Agenda Item #2: FBI Investigation

Chairman Hawley opened discussion regarding the BOF retaining legal counsel to advise the Board, if necessary. The Chairman reported that Atty. Thomas Beecher of New Milford, was approached on the subject.

During discussion, Atty. Baker pointed out, the BOF does not have the authority, to hire an Attorney without Board of Selectmen approval.

Chairman Hawley will research the subject further.

Following further discussion between the Chairman and Atty. Baker a Motion was offered, by Walter Barlow, with a second by Dennis MacDonald to request the Board of Selectman to retain outside counsel for the BOF. Unanimously approved.

During follow-up discussion, Michael Reed asked the question, "What if the Board of Selectmen, because of recent FBI activity, is unable to render an opinion?"

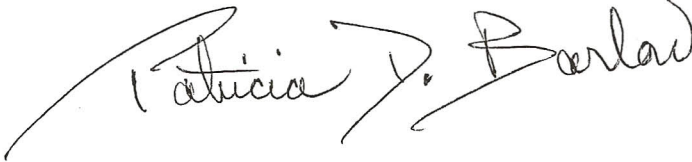
Atty. Baker responded that he "does not believe the Board of Selectmen, is the target of the FBI investigation."

Agenda Item #3: Internal Controls

Chairman Hawley emphasized the need for the BOF to continue with diligent oversight and carefully review all invoices as they are presented for payment. The Board agreed.

Motion to adjourn at 2:32PM offered by Lori Franklin, with a second by Michael Reed.
Unanimously approved.

Chairman Hawley announced the next Regular BOF meeting will be on July 25, 2012.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia D. Barlow". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia D. Barlow, Clerk for the Board