

**SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 21, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
SELECTMEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman William N. Tinsley called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

PRESENT: William N. Tinsley, First Selectman; William R. Davidson, Selectman; Martin E. Flynn (arrived at 5:12 p.m.); Members of the public; Virginia Giovanniello, Recording Secretary.

AUDITOR CONTRACTS

A) **FY 2015 AUDIT** - Mr. Tinsley noted that this is a new document for the upcoming audit this winter with McGladrey in the amount of \$69,650. The firm of McGladrey LLP was selected for three years and this is year two. At conclusion of discussion, **Bill Davidson made motion to approve authorizing the First Selectman's signature on the FY 15 Annual Audit Contract. Motion seconded by Bill Tinsley, and carried by majority.**

B) **FY 2015 FORENSIC CHANGE ORDER** - Mr. Tinsley noted that the McGladrey change order extended the scope period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The original 2013/14 Forensic Audit was extended as one of the involved employees in this audit continued to be on payroll for nine months in 2015, and they simply extended the scope to cover the nine months with respect to that employee with the estimated cost to be \$25,000 and \$92,000 in total the final year. Mr. Davidson stated for the record with regard to the signing of the original Forensic Audit, that he believes that the Town Attorney and First Selectmen were wrong not to have the Board of Selectmen approve the signing of the contract, and that this matter could have been done in Executive Session. At conclusion of discussion, **Bill Davidson made motion to approve authorizing the First Selectman's signature of Change Order #1 to the McGladrey Forensic Audit Contract. Motion seconded by Bill Tinsley, and carried by majority.**

Mr. Flynn arrived at this time.

Mr. Flynn made motion to move to Item 4 on the agenda. Motion seconded by Bill Davidson, and carried unanimously.

NOISE ORDINANCE WORKSHOP: Mr. Tinsley noted the need to review the Noise Ordinance and the enforcement due to many complaints about noise and he was also looking ahead to the town center due to density that is planned in terms of the apartments. Mr. Davidson noted that as four corners progresses, the Selectmen can take it up at that time. Right now might only be opening up a hornets nest. Mr. Tinsley stated that the level of complaints has gone up at Candlewood Lake and Lake Lillinah, and construction sites, particularly around the four corners. The noise complaints by neighbors by the YMCA were also discussed, and that the YMCA has worked to reduce the ambient level of noise. Mr. Tinsley noted the possible need for swim meets to require a permit. The Selectmen discussed what they can do to make the present ordinance more enforceable or responsive, and to

structure the ordinance around the research and particularly around the dimension of duration. Mr. Davidson noted that the Police Administration have expressed to him that the current ordinance addresses the concerns of the police department.

DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY WORKSHOP: Mr. Tinsley stated he proposed this policy three months ago to the Board of Selectmen. It would be reviewed annually by Bond Counsel, Financial Advisor, BOS and BOF. This has been in front of the BOF for about two months now and they don't have any objections. Mr. Davidson recommended that the Selectmen put together a committee of residents who are financial experts to review the proposed policy and have them make recommendations to the Selectmen. Mr. Tinsley didn't think the town should continue without a policy as it puts the bond rating in jeopardy due to being in the low end of fund balance with a Triple A bond rating. Mr. Tinsley noted that after this policy, he will bring forward a written policy for fund balance. Mr. Tinsley noted this policy is about managing the level of debt and a boundary of how much debt to carry. In summary, Mr. Davidson stated he was not prepared to vote for this policy and didn't think one person in town should write a debt management policy. Mr. Tinsley responded that he wants to move this town forward with a policy that the town's financial advisor said was needed and that the Board of Finance was in support of doing this as well. At conclusion of discuss, **Mr. Flynn made motion that the Board of Selectmen adopt a Debt Management Policy and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval. Motion seconded by Bill Tinsley, and carried by majority. Mr. Davidson noted that he was vehemently opposed this action.**

ADJOURN: Mr. Flynn made motion to adjourn at 5:57 p.m., seconded by Bill Tinsley. Motion carried unanimously.