

**Minutes: Selectmen's Meeting: Monday, March 3, 2014**

Present: Chairman Daniel F. Devlin and Clerk Walter F. Alterisio, Procurement Officer and Member; Kenneth J. Leva absent

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with quorum present as Selectmen Leva is ill ; the board met with Road Commissioner Dana Kinne who presented the budget breakdown advising that the snow removal account is out of money – has \$7,000 bill outstanding right now along with payroll. The board reviewed the materials and authorized snow overrun of \$45K.

Dana also advised there was a person on Main Street requesting a horse crossing at the railroad bed and another person on Oak requesting a deer crossing sign. The board will take under advisement and research with the Police Chief. We want to make sure there aren't any lingering complications.

Dana also addressed the email from Town Engineer re the bridge on Main Street and MA Highway and it appears the sidewalk has been removed from the project. He'll check with Selectman Leva to check on the final arrangements. Plans are for the project to be completed this summer.

Road Commission Chairman Mike Martin stopped in to report that Fincom advised there's a problem with the wording on the paperwork they'd presented for the snow overrun – Fincom will accept but revamp the language as needed. Mike advised that next Tuesday evening BORG will be meeting with Historical Commission relative to repairs on the culvert on Route 113 by Hardmans.

The board initially planned to address MIIA Health Insurance coverage approval next week awaiting full board participation, but then noted that process needed to move forward, and endorsed with signature by Chairman Devlin.

Selectman Alterisio conveyed reminder from Town Clerk that nomination papers must be in by March 26<sup>th</sup> – encourage people to take a look at the list of vacancies and consider helping out.

Selectman Alterisio noted a vacancy on the affordable housing committee as one of the appointees was unable to assume the position – Selectman Alterisio recommended appointing Dana E. Metzler which brings the committee up to 7 members.

Minutes of 2/24 were approved after motion by Selectman Alterisio, 2<sup>nd</sup> and vote to approve as only Chairman Devlin & Selectman Alterisio had been present. Only one outstanding is the one for 2/17 which was

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attended by Selectman Leva and Selectman Alterisio only so will hold off on that approval.

The board referenced the request for support for the school and noted there are a number of meetings scheduled to discuss the problem. Question is where is it they would like to be – bump in the road that needs to be resolved but their position is it has to be equal with including increase – discussion continued on some of the possible options – debt exclusion, override, layoffs, etc. to make it work. Chairman Devlin reported on his meeting with the officials over there, advising the proposal for closing Swallow Union was taken off the table; both towns will work to see what can be done to come up with the financing. He indicated that Ron may be sending a message tomorrow night – school committee has to certify by Wednesday. BOS is going to sit down with Fincom tonight to go over what minimum options may be available. Basically level funded from FY2014 going into FY2015 – if had absorbed and done nothing would come up to \$600 per household whereas they've come up with some answers.

Selectman Alterisio conducted mail review drawing attention to Alexander's Estate hearings - next continuation is March 26<sup>th</sup> @7:40pm; noted Board meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> @11:00am for contract negotiations with the Police Union; will get together with Selectman Leva on that. Also noted the Tyngsboro ZBA hearing scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> on a proposed housing development.

The board approved request for use of the Grange Room on March 23<sup>rd</sup>; the board noted that Peter Georges is planning to retire as Veteran's Agent on June 30<sup>th</sup>, at the end of his term; The board felt we should plan a reception and

Treasurer's warrants were reviewed and signed, and meeting adjourned at 7:35PM after appropriate motion by Selectman Alterisio, 2<sup>nd</sup> and vote so the board could also participate in the Advisory Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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Board Secretary