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Board members present: John R. LaCourse, Chairman; W. James Griswold and Frank W. Reinhold Jr.

Others present: Town Administrator; Diane L. Guimond, Planning Secretary; Caren Rossi, Alice MacKinnon, Carl Eden, Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes.

- 1. Chairman LaCourse called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Caren Rossi presents intents to excavate, intent to cut forms, a time sheet for Robert Smith and a vacation request for Allan Dennis. Selectmen sign all requests.
- 3. Carl Eden of Eden Electric presents options for generator to be use in the event of an emergency for the Town Hall, Library and Annex buildings.
- 4. Selectman Reinhold motions to enter into Non Public at 6:15 pm for a legal matter. Selectman Griswold seconds.
- 5. Alice MacKinnon, apologized for not having paid her taxes. She indicated she was prepared to pay her 2006 taxes.

Selectmen Reinhold states it was too late to pay just the 2006 taxes, as the properties had been taken by tax deed on 5/15/09. She reported she had not received any correspondence from the town, until she received a note on her car from the Town Administrator requesting that she call.

Selectmen Reinhold indicated she had to pay all back taxes owed, penalties, interest, legal and recording fees and any other cost the town would have incurred. She disagreed that she had to pay the 15% interest or any legal fees. She stated RSA allows the Board to use discretion when applying interest.

Selectmen Reinhold states the town needs a certified letter from her indicating her desire to re-purchase the property, which she must do within 15 days of receiving the letter. If she fails to do so within the 15 days she will not have an opportunity to re-purchase. The Town Administrator produced RSA80:89 II, which states the "former owner of the property may give notice by certify mail, return receipt requested, of intent to repurchase the property from the municipality, and stated that such owner is ready, willing and able to pay all back taxes, interest, costs and penalty as defined in RSA80:90. If all such back taxes, interest, costs and penalty have not been actually tendered within 15 days of such notice of intent to repurchase, the municipality may proceed with its offering and dispose of the property without any interest by the former owner.

Alice MacKinnon indicated that she felt it was unfair of the Board to request she pay this additional 15% and asked if any other had to pay it in the past.

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Selectmen Reinhold indicated that under the current Board they have not abated any taxes, interests or penalties.

Discussion followed regarding the D'Aldolfo property on Route 155 that had been re-purchased under a past Board and if they were required to pay the 15%.

Alice Mackinnon stated that the Board as the Assessor of the town has the right to abate any and all taxes. Selectmen Reinhold acknowledged this and reiterated that she needed to provide the Board with a certified letter of her intent to repurchase.

Alice Mackinnon indicated that an RSA statute that states the Board may dispose of any fees. Chairman John LaCourse indicated the Board would contact the Town's Attorney and upon review of the statute it would be open for discussion.

Chairman LaCourse made cleat that she must follow the legal procedure and produce the certified letter of her intent. He invites her to attend the work session of June 16.

- 6. Non public ends, 6:34pm. Chairman LaCourse motions to seal the minutes. Selectmen Reinhold indicated that the minutes she not be sealed. Motion failed
- 7. Town Administrator Guimond presents a step program letter for review by the board prior to notifying employees and her vacation request form.
- 8. Chairman LaCourse expresses a concern for safety regarding the trucks making the corner on Rt 155 / 155A.
- 9. Diane Guimond references the need for welfare assistance is growing and suggests people receiving assistance may "work" assisting at the Transfer Station.
- 10. Chairman LaCourse recommends committees start rotation in front of the board again in October.
- 11. Selectman Reinhold requests the Town Administrator look into the budget regarding two part time workers at the Transfer Station being replaced with one full timer.
- 12. Selectman Reinhold will not be present at the next work session June 16. However, he would like to be included in the decision making regarding the MacKinnon property.
- Diane Guimond requests the Board make a decision regarding the annual stipend pay for Fire Fighters. Current law states they must be paid on a weekly basis. Selectman Reinhold recommends the Board draft a letter notifying the Fire Fighters that the stipends will be paid out weekly in compliance with the law.

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- 14. Approval of Minutes: Chairman LaCourse motions to accept both May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes. Selectman Reinhold seconds.
- 15. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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| Dawn Hayes, Town Secretary               |
| Minutes accepted by:                     |
| John R. LaCourse, Chairman               |
| Frank W. Reinhold, Jr.,                  |
| W. James Griswold Lee Board of Selectmen |