

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN  
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Selectmen's Meeting

January 31, 2013

**MINUTES**

Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Edward J. Charest, Betsey L. Patten, Jonathan W. Tolman, Russell C. Wakefield; Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator; Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Joel called the meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. REVIEW / APPROVAL MINUTES:** Betsey Made the Motion to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of January 17, 2013 6:30 PM & 7:00 PM, January 24, 2013. Ed Seconded the Motion. The Motion carried Unanimously.
- IV. NEW RESIDENTS:** Jamie L. Shedd, Lisa M. Quagliaroli, John J. Mahan, Anne Marie Mahan-Tulliarone, Koren W. Purinton.
- V. CITIZEN INPUT:** None.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Review for Approval: Payables & Payroll Manifest & Signature File:

<b>DOCUMENT DATE</b>	<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>MAP/LOT#</b>
1/30/13	Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed, \$1,687.09	212-001
1/30/13	Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed, \$463.71	027-007
1/31/13	Abatement, 2012 Assessed Value, Granted	076-013
1/31/13	Abatement, 2012 Assessed Value, Granted	129-041
1/31/13	Abatement, 2012 Assessed Value, Granted	163-001
1/31/13	Abatement, 2012 Assessed Value, Denied	132-034
1/31/13	Abatement, 2012 Assessed Value, Denied	272-056
1/31/13	Veterans' Tax Credit, Approved	283-014-000-011-043
1/31/13	Payables Manifest & Signature File, 1/31/13, \$680,864.71.	N/A

Joel read the Payables Manifest and Signature File as listed above. Russ Made the Motion to approve the Payroll/Payables Manifest & Signature File for January 31, 2013. Ed Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

2. Presentation & Discussion: State Legislative Delegation: Joel welcomed Senator Jeb Bradley, Representative Karel Crawford, and Representative Donald (Ted) Wright to the Selectmen's meeting. He added that he hoped this could be a yearly event. Senator Bradley thanked the Selectmen for inviting them to their meeting. He recalled being in

Moultonborough's Town Hall to a packed house, when he was a US Representative. Senator Bradley recognized the Town's concern regarding the "Siggi and Sag Grants" (state aid grant program for municipal infrastructure). He explained that the program provided deferred payments for water and sewer projects, funding 20% of the cost. In 2008 Gov. Lynch stopped payment for any projects that were in the "pipeline". Funding would not occur until the project was completed and then it had to go to the Governor's Council for approval. Presently there is a bi-partisan push to fund \$9 million over the next two years. Senator Bradley said that he has identified a source of funding, \$2.5 million out of a \$13 million renewable energy fund, with approximately 100 projects in the completed phase. Conway and Wolfeboro both have large projects. He urged the Selectmen to send a letter of support to Gov. Hassan, and learned that this has been done. Senator Bradley next spoke about milfoil legislation, informing the Selectmen of a bill to expand the decal program to out of state boats, which will add a large amount of funding towards the state's grant program. He added that the effort of the three towns, Moultonborough, Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro is admirable. Senator Bradley reported that the 2011 educational funding formula, that if it stays the same, will continue to eliminate donor towns. Betsey asked if the "collar" will stay on and learned that with this formula it won't be necessary. Russ asked about the proposed out of state boat fees and where that money will go. The Senator said that it will go to the state and fund the grant program. Representative Crawford reported that she persuaded the Carroll County Delegation to create a subcommittee to look at the county's dispatch and hear from the three towns most negatively affected. She added that she and Representative Wright and Representative Sidney White will be on the subcommittee. They will be meeting on Monday to look at the budget and will submit a report to the delegation chair in May. There is a question of the legality of reducing the tax rate to these three towns on the county or state level. Joel felt that the only way to do this was to determine the cost of dispatch and divide it between the towns that actually use it. She said that the Sheriff is convinced that they could provide coverage to Moultonborough and the other towns with an extra cost to each. Russ expressed his frustration that Moultonborough subsidizes other towns. Joel recalled that the Sheriff's argument was that they didn't have the equipment, as Moultonborough has "dead" areas. Carter thanked the Representatives Crawford and Wright for beginning the discussion. He thought that rebating the tax paid was not legal and thought a fee for service should be considered. Betsey thought that was how Grafton County Sheriff's Department handles this. Joel thought that Scott Kinmond had researched how other counties handle this. Representative Wright said that the concern from the county's perspective is that all three towns will want coverage at the same time. Representative Crawford said that the three towns pay 50% of the budget and agreed with Carter that the county doesn't understand the issues fully at this time. Joel said that if for some reason Moultonborough can't provide their own dispatch, then the Town has the right to ask the county for dispatch coverage that it already pays for. Russ agreed that Moultonborough pays the county tax and has the right to use it without any extra fees. Betsey felt, and Joel agreed, that what is important is that the discussion has begun and acknowledged that it will take time to work it out. Joel asked Senator Bradley about the "Campfire" bill he read about in the "Citizen", which would prohibit having a campfire within 300 feet of an abutter and also prohibit smoke crossing property lines. He added that this seemed unenforceable and questioned what was going on in Concord. Senator Bradley said that his committee spent an hour talking about it, and understood Joel's concern. This has come about as a senator on his committee has heard complaints from his constituent who has a neighbor with an exempt outdoor wood boiler, which they

use year round, and the smoke is affecting them adversely. Senator Bradley thought this was a local problem and probably a matter for the town's code enforcement or health officer. During the committee meeting a resident from Keene spoke about a neighbor who burns brush all year long, which has a negative impact on them. He thought that what the bill should do is give local officials more clout to deal with the problem, as a nuisance law. Joel said that after hearing what the issues were, he understood, but felt what was reported in the newspaper didn't make any sense. Joel commented that he's read about Belknap County's budget and presently they are paying Lakes Region Mutual Aid for dispatch. He thought that towns like Meredith should support this versus paying on assessed values. Representative Wright asked and learned that Moultonborough pays approximately \$85,000 for Lakes Region Mutual Aid. Carter said that Moultonborough owns their repeaters, but the county can't reach them. What is needed is baseline data. It is not only a question of just dispatch, but the Town must maintain window service. If Moultonborough and the other two towns were to go with Carroll County Dispatch, this would add 150,000+ calls per year. He thought they should discuss the technology needs. Representative Crawford reported that the county delegation thinks that the towns have chosen to not use their dispatch, and feel that this is a slippery slope, with the concern of what would be next. Jon agreed that the delegation needs to be educated with the numbers and needs. Carter reported that this information has been provided, and will do so again, but agreed that this will take time. Russ said that the Town did choose to go with Lakes Region Mutual Aid, but as part of the county and for the taxes paid, has the right to receive these services. 1) Hollis Austin asked for information regarding the bill to repeal the business tax credits for scholarship. The argument to repeal is based on that it is taking money away from public schools. He added that the quality of public education is declining and the answer is not to give it more money. Senator Bradley said that he voted in favor of this bill last year and is against the repeal. He thought it would pass in the House, but be defeated in the Senate. A vast majority of students have their needs met through public school, but some need a different option. The \$2,500 scholarship is based on income and he thought that competition is a good thing. The Senator said that he feels this law should be given a chance (passed in 2012 for 2013) at least for a few years.

3. Review for Approval: MA 2013 Prom Committee: Carter reported that the prom committee was unable to attend and they will reschedule.
4. Review for Approval: Sick Leave Bank Donation, Debra Peaslee: Acknowledged.
5. Review for Approval: Citizens Petition, Moultonboro/ Sandwich Senior Meals Program: Joel asked that the citizen's petition for \$11,000 be placed in the budget file for the warrant.
6. Review for Approval: Request to Buy-Back Cemetery Plot #252 Shannon Cemetery: Joel reported that Mary Ashmun in her letter is requesting that the Town buy back this cemetery plot, for the same price that she purchased it, \$250. Ed Made the Motion to buy back Shannon Cemetery plot #252 from Mary Ashmun for \$250. Betsey Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously.
7. Review for Approval: Dan Vappi, Eagle Scout Project – Sutherland Park: Joel introduced Life Scout Dan Vappi. Mr. Vappi asked the Selectmen for their approval of his proposed Eagle Scout project, to build a kiosk at Sutherland Park, located by the dock on Berry Pond, which would identify the mountain ranges that can be seen across the pond. He added that if the Town approves then he will submit it to the Boy Scouts for approval. Carter recommended that approval be contingent upon Mr. Vappi working with the DPW Director, Scott Kinmond as to location and any permitting requirements

with DES. The Selectmen all agreed that his project would be an added benefit to Sutherland Park. Russ asked Mr. Vappi and learned that presently there are 15 Eagle Scouts from Moultonborough. Ed Made the Motion to approve Dan Vappi's proposed Eagle Scout project, building a kiosk at Sutherland Park contingent upon his receiving direction with DPW Director, Scott Kinmond. Jon Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

8. Review for Approval: Lee's Mill Town Dock Repairs: Joel reported that based on Scott Kinmond's memo, three prices have been obtained to repair three concrete slab docks. Carter pointed out that two of the bidders want a deposit, which the Town does not do. They need to go back to these companies and work this out. When they have this information, they will place it in the sign file for the Selectmen's approval. All three companies want to do the work while the ice is in place, so they need to get started as soon as possible.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Jon asked if the personnel issue was resolved. Carter said that the issue would be handled through the yearly step and cost of living pay raise schedule.
2. Russ asked Carter for an update regarding the Department of Labor requirements for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector offices. Carter replied that in this week's report, he said that DOL is not willing to come back to Town to view the areas again. Russ asked what the issues are. Carter replied that DOL found that both offices did not have appropriate security, which the Town has since proposed an acceptable plan. The second issue is that the counter with desks in the Town Clerk's office poses ergonomic issues. Primex will come in and do an ergonomic review on Monday before the Clerk's office opens. Based on their review Primex will give its recommendations. Joel suggested and the Selectmen agreed that they needed to add \$20,000 to the contingency fund in the 2013 budget to cover the cost for the electrical work at the Public Safety Building and also to make the changes to the Tax Collector and Town Clerk offices. Joel Made the Motion and Russ Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Russ asked, based on reading the ABC's minutes of December 18<sup>th</sup>, what their concern was on the proposed warrant article #11, to undertake the initial phase of a preliminary site assessment of the Pre-1981 Landfill, a cost of \$15,000. Jean Beadle, ABC Chair said that she wanted to be sure that all members understood what it was all about.

#### **VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Board Liaison Reports: 1) Russ reported that the Planning Board met and voted 6-1 on the last warrant article on shoreland protection, and to send it to the Town Clerk. The warrant article is what was initially proposed. Betsey learned that the Town will be stricter than the state.
2. Administrative Update: Carter said that other than his weekly report, he did not have anything else to add.
3. Heritage Commission Minutes, November 19, 2012 & January 21, 2013: Acknowledged.
4. ABC Minutes, December 18, 2012 & January 8, 2012: Acknowledged.

#### **IX. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Time Warner Cable, January 16, 2013, Possible Program Changes: Joel reported that this is their usual letter of possible program changes. Carter reported that Fairpoint will be coming in February and after that they will invite Time Warner to come in.

**X. CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Hollis Austin asked if the company coming in to give the ergonomic review recommendation is independent from the state. Joel replied that Primex is the Town's insurance carrier. He added since DOL has notified the Town of this deficiency if we don't follow their recommendation, then we need back-up. Mr. Austin asked how long the counter/desk has been in place and learned since the Town Hall was built, 1996. Betsey commented that standards change and perhaps it wasn't done correctly in the beginning. Carter reported that the Town must comply by April, and once we know what the changes/costs will be, will then ask for an extension if needed. Mr. Austin then asked the Town to consider refusing any funds from the Granite State Futures. He said that several municipalities have refused this funding, which is tied to HUD. Betsey and Ed agreed that they've had no correspondence or information regarding this organization. Peter Jensen commented that Lakes Region Planning Commission has joined with a state committee and HUD is connected. Joel thought that the Town would only be tied if it accepts HUD funds. Jon said that he has researched this and the federal government has a Planning Commission and NH's is called Granite State Futures. He said that the concern would be if the Town signs on with LRPC, to be sure no strings are attached to Granite State Futures. Mr. Austin then asked if there has been any progress or decision made regarding public meeting places. Joel said that it was put on hold until after the budget process and no decisions have been made.

**XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** None needed.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Betsey Made the Motion to Adjourn. Ed Seconded the Motion. Motion Carried Unanimously.  
Joel adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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Date:  
Respectfully Submitted  
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant