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**Selectmen & School Board Joint Meeting, 7 PM**

**January 9, 2014**

**MINUTES**

Selectmen: Joel R. Mudgett, Chair, Jonathan W. Tolman, Edward J. Charest, Christopher P. Shipp, Russell C. Wakefield; Town Administrator, Carter Terenzini.

School Board: Kathy Garry, Gary Torressen, Celeste Burns, Bill Blackadar (absent with prior notice), Gerry Buteau (absent with prior notice).

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Joel called the meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. **Substance Abuse and Prevention Fund:** Scott Kinmond, former Police Chief, spoke to the 2005/2006 establishment of the fund using monies received from drug and alcohol fines imposed by the Courts. Moultonborough Taking Action (MTA), which was made up of parents, police and school officials, was very active at the time to establish programs. Since then the grant funding for MTA has essentially “dried up”. The idea of prom related activities (transportation) was to try to curtail some of the use of drugs and alcohol that occurs during such events. Chief Leonard Wetherbee told both boards that the contribution to the fund comes as part of his budget. He came to believe that he should try to have his programs for the coming year laid out as part of the normal budget function. He tried to do it this year, but was unable to and noted in his hearing that he’d be back in the spring. It is his hope that the expectations for this program can be better laid out. Scott commented that things went a bit smoother when they worked with the MTA. Russ asked if there is any form of the MTA still in existence. Academy Principal Andy Coppinger said that it is inactive without a coordinator. Superintendent Susan Noyes reported that they had hoped for a grant, but it didn’t come. Gary Torressen said Project Safeguard in Schools (grades 7 and 10) meets twice a year and the issue is how to measure its effectiveness and expand it to the Central School and grades 11 and 12.

Joel commented that the Selectmen are mandated to approve expenditures of the fund and the concern is that the money is being spent without providing the kids the educational/prevention portion. Chief Wetherbee said that from the Police Department’s perspective, this isn’t just a problem for the kids and schools, but it is a community wide problem. He said it is important to remember that grades 11 and 12 are out in the general population next year. Kathy Garry, agreed that it shouldn’t be just for the kids, the problem is in the community at large, and the houses they live in. Chris asked what is the average the Town has spent annually and learned anywhere from \$1,500 to \$10,000 per year over the life of the program. Scott spoke to the need for a coordinator for the effort to really drive the programming and activities. Russ thought that it sounded like the MTA was the most effective and maybe we should go back to the idea of a coordinator. Andy Coppinger said that the salary was \$15,000 to \$20,000 +/- . Jon said that he thought Scott had hit on the issue, the need for a driving force. He added that there is a need for different approaches, as each kid reacts differently. Ed agreed, that it needs to be multi-faceted. He also thought that adults are as much of the problem as the kids, and the home setting creates the environment. The Chief said he would hate to lose the concept of this being a war on addiction (education and prevention) because if we can’t beat that down, the Police Department ends up dealing with the results in criminal activities. Gary thought maybe a coordinator is

