

**New Durham Board of Selectmen
Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A: 3 II
Monday, August 15th, 2011**

Motion to enter nonpublic session at 4:05pm by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Bickford, under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant, and (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Roll call vote- Jarvis aye, Bickford aye, Kratovil aye

Non-public session began at 4:16PM.

Members Present: Theresa Jarvis, David Bickford, Jeffrey Kratovil
Also Present: Town Administrator Alison Webb

The Board discussed the counter offer from the Foxy owners, Grace and Richard Drapeau. Grace Drapeau said that as they have invested a great deal in this property and have the remainder of the mortgage to pay off, she is still asking for \$150,000 less the taxes that are still owed. She said she felt that the property has been over assessed for many years, and has already paid more in taxes than they should have. Chair Jarvis has determined that by March 2012, when Town Meeting would be voting on this issue if the Board decides to bring it forward, the taxes owed will be close to \$30,000. As the Drapeau's will be taking down the building, and the land is worth approximately \$75,000, for the Town to pay \$120,000 for the property is far too much. TA Webb will go back to the Drapeau's with this information.

Motion to accept as amended the sealed minutes of August 5th, 2011 made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Bickford. Vote 3-0

The Selectmen reviewed a request for a waiver of Transfer Station fees. Since this is a request that they have not encountered before, they did not want to set a precedence of waiving these fees without doing the proper due-diligence. TA Webb will connect with the citizen and ask that they fill out a welfare application to see if they are eligible for assistance, and see if there is some way the Town can help.

The Board reviewed the Comstar cumulative request for write-off report. They decided to write-off any incident prior to September 1st, 2010. For all those that have come after 9/1/10, the Town will pursue the outstanding bills.

Motion to write-off any incident from the June 8, 2011 Comstar cumulative request for write-off report, prior to September 1st, 2010 made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Kratovil. Vote 3-0

The Board decided that they will not routinely write people off this list, but will handle the list in a timelier manner, so as not to let outstanding bills get to the point of outstanding.

The Selectmen discussed an ongoing personnel matter, in which it was decided that they will wait to speak with David Allen until the personnel evaluations in September. TA Webb will write-up his evaluation first so as not to let it go too long.

Motion to come out of nonpublic session made at 6:10PM by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Bickford. Vote 2-1 with Selectman Kratovil against.

In non-public session, the Board made a **Motion to write-off any incident from the June 8, 2011 Comstar cumulative request for write-off report, prior to September 1st, 2010 made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Kratovil. Vote 3-0**

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The Board will meet on August 24th for a work session. Selectman Bickford asked about the 2003 Police Cruiser that was taken off line, and is sitting at the Transfer Station. TA Webb said that it is being posted in the newspaper to see if anyone is interested in bidding on purchasing it. She will update the Selectmen as she gets updated.

Motion to adjourn made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Bickford. Vote 3-0

Meeting adjourned at _____

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Webb