

**New Durham Board of Selectmen
Public and Non-Public Minutes of January 9th, 2012
Town Hall**

Members Present: Theresa Jarvis, David Bickford, Jeffrey Kratovil

Also Present: Town Administrator (TA) Alison Webb, Equipment Mechanic (EM) David Valladares, Chief Shawn Bernier, Fire Chief Peter Varney, Road Agent (RA) Mike Clarke; Town Clerk/Tax Collector (TC) Carole Ingham

The meeting was **called to order** at 9:03am by Chair Jarvis with EM David Valladares present.

EM Valladares brought to the Board's attention an issue with the diesel gas, and explained the need for winter treatment. The current company the Town is using receives gas from different locations, and each place treats the product differently, creating more work for EM Valladares, than was needed when the Town was purchasing fuel from Irving.

EM Valladares and the Board of Selectmen discussed the purchase of the Freightliner rear-end replacements, and the Grader, which has been sent out to have the wing and plow mounted. In previous years, the Grader has been sent out earlier, but since the snow has not yet come, the Highway Department has continued to use that piece of equipment.

Motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c) made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Kratovil. Roll call vote- Jarvis-aye, Bickford- aye, Kratovil- aye.

Non-Public session began at 9:24AM.

The Board discussed with EM Valladares his 2011 performance evaluation. EM Valladares left at 10:05 AM.

Chief Bernier entered at 10:14AM. The Board discussed Chief Bernier's 2011 performance evaluation. He left the meeting at 11:04AM

Motion to come out of non-public session made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Kratovil. 3-0

Public session began at 11:11AM with Town Clerk/Tax Collector Carole Ingham. TC Ingham brought to the Board a request to waive the amount of interest paid on a citizen's taxes. The citizen purchased the property in November, and the tax bill had gone to the previous owner instead of him.

Motion to waive the \$8.72 still owed to the Town of New Durham for the property of King's Highway referenced in the December 23rd, 2011 letter made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Bickford. 3-0 For the record: Selectman Kratovil is in favor only because of the close proximity of the sale of the property to the tax bills being sent.

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TC Ingham and the Board discussed the amount of interest that the Tax Collector may waive for the town. Ten years ago, when the current amount was set, five dollars (\$5) was a lot of money, but since the average tax bill has increased.

Motion to grant the Tax Collector the authority to waive up to fifteen dollars (\$15) of interest made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Bickford. 3-0

TC Ingham left and Chief Varney entered at 11:21am.

Motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c) made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Bickford. Roll call vote- Jarvis-aye, Bickford- aye, Kratovil- aye.

This non-public session began at 11:22Am at which time the Board of Selectmen discussed with Chief Varney his 2011 performance evaluation.

Chief Varney left the non-public meeting at 12:30PM, at which time Road Agent Clarke entered the meeting.

The Board discussed with RA Clarke his performance evaluation for 2011 and his first year as Road Agent for the Town.

Motion to come out of non-public session at 2:33PM made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Bickford. 3-0

**Motion to adjourn made by Chair Jarvis, seconded by Selectman Bickford. 3-0
Meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Webb