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**New Durham Board of Selectmen
Nonpublic Minutes
Town Hall
Monday, March 18, 2013**

Present: Terry Jarvis, Jeffrey Kratovil, David Swenson

Also Present: Jeremy Bourgeois-Town Administrator, Shawn Bernier- Police Chief, Carrie Blackwood- Police Officer Candidate

Meeting called to order at 12:06 P.M.

Vice Chair Jarvis motions to enter nonpublic session at 12:07 P.M. under 91-A:3 II (B)- hiring of any person as a public employee; Second by Selectman Kratovil. Roll Call: Vice Chair Jarvis-Aye, Selectman Kratovil-Aye, Selectman Swenson-Aye. 3-0.

The Board of Selectmen met with Police Chief Shawn Bernier to discuss Carrie Blackwood as a candidate for the police officer position. Selectman Swenson asked Police Chief Bernier if he had any reservations towards hiring Ms. Blackwood and he answered no. Selectman Kratovil, who sat on the interview panel, stated that he was impressed with her and wouldn't hold her prior speeding tickets against her due to the time that has passed since then.

Ms. Blackwood joined the Board at 12:13 P.M. Vice Chair Jarvis asked Ms. Blackwood what she would bring to the Town. She responded that she enjoys working with people and working with their differences. She explained that she worked previously in the prison on her own and had no issue being on duty by herself. She left the room at 12:24 P.M.

The Board discussed her previous experience as a correctional officer and in the military. Selectman Swenson stressed the importance of keeping her interested and involved in the department in order to keep her in the department. The Board discussed waiving the vetting process and hiring her immediately.

Vice Chair Jarvis motions to return to public session; second by Selectman Swenson. 3-0.

The Board returned to public session at 12:32 P.M.

Vice Chair motions to enter nonpublic at 12:34 P.M. under 91-A:3 II (C)- reputation; Second by Selectman Kratovil. Chair Jarvis-Aye, Selectman Kratovil-Aye, Selectman Swenson-Aye.

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Vice Chair Jarvis motions to accept the nonpublic minutes of February 4, 2013 as written; second by Selectman Kratovil. 2-0. (Selectman Swenson abstained due to not being a member of the Board at the time).

Vice Chair Jarvis motions to unseal the nonpublic minutes of February 4, 2013. Motion fails for a lack of a second.

Selectman Kratovil motions to accept the nonpublic minutes of February 15, 2013 as written; second by Vice Chair Jarvis. 2-0. (Selectman Swenson abstained due to not being a member of the Board at the time).

Vice Chair Jarvis motions to accept the nonpublic minutes of February 22, 2013 as amended; second by Selectman Kratovil. 2-0. (Selectman Swenson abstained due to not being a member of the Board at the time).

Road Agent Clarke joined the Board at 12:52 P.M. Mr. Clarke had asked the Board at the previous meeting to unseal the nonpublic minutes from February 22, 2013 (session 2). Selectman Swenson asked Mr. Clarke why he would like to have the minutes unsealed. Selectman Swenson stated that he needed to gather more information on the matter and asked Mr. Clarke to reconsider his decision, which he agreed to. Mr. Clarke will speak with Selectman Swenson and let Town Administrator Jeremy Bourgeois know his decision.

Vice Chair Jarvis motions to leave nonpublic at 1:00 P.M.; second by Selectman Swenson. 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Bourgeois