

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes
November 6, 2013**

After swearing in members of the Housing Authority, School Committee and Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Joanne Rappa called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Rappa asked for nominations for the position of chairman.

Maureen Dever nominated Ellen Faiella.

Seconded by Stephen Castinetti at 7:19 p.m.

Seeing no further nominations, Mr. Castinetti made a motion to close nominations.

Seconded by Maureen Dever at 7:21 p.m.

Nominations are closed by unanimous voice vote at 7:22 p.m.

Ellen Faiella is voted as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen by Unanimous Voice Vote.

Chairman Faiella opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chairman.

Stephen Castinetti nominated Maureen Dever.

Seconded by Debra Panetta at 7:24 p.m.

Seeing no further nominations, Mrs. Panetta makes a motion to close nominations.

Seconded by Mr. Castinetti at 7:24.5 p.m.

Nominations are closed by unanimous voice vote at 7:25 p.m.

Mrs. Dever is elected Vice Chairman by unanimous voice vote at 7:25.5 p.m.

Mr. Castinetti thanked everyone, especially his wife and family for their support and stated that it has been a tough couple of years and thanked the voters for their confidence. Mr. Castinetti further stated that a chapter has been closed and this is a new beginning for the Town and he is proud to be a part of this new board; further maintaining that the new board will do the right thing, and they have a lot of work ahead of them. This election is a victory of the voters and the citizens of the town.

Debra Panetta thanked all her supporters, but especially her husband, Mark, and her two children, Mark and Sabrina. Ms. Panetta stated that she looks forward to working with this new board of friends and is very grateful to all of her supporters and is very excited about the future.

Mrs. Dever thanked her husband and son for their support during her almost three decades of work in the community in various roles. Mrs. Dever further thanked all of the voters for taking the time to go to the polls on election day and stated that she feels positive energy and vows that this board will work

hard together, as they have become friends through this journey and share a great deal of respect for each other.

Paul Allan thanked his wife Karen and all of the support he has received from his friends and supporters. Mr. Allan mentioned that he is looking forward to working with this board and thanked everyone for their confidence and support, also stating that he has respect for all the members and vows they will work hard together.

Chairman Faiella thanked her colleagues for the honor of voting her in as Chairman of the Board. Ms. Faiella stated that the voters sent a clear message to be respected and included and the board will continue to make sure all the citizens of town will be heard. The Chairman thanked her supporters and is very grateful to her husband Will, mother, children, grandchildren, family and friends and looks forward to working with this very talented group of people.

Mrs. Dever asked the board to reflect over the next few days about what she is about to say so conversations can begin, and continued to explain that many of the candidates became involved because of specific issues, particularly that voices were not being heard. The number one issue she would like the board to consider next week is to reverse a decision of the previous board that was made last month regarding open forum.

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Dever at 7:27 p.m.

Seconded by Stephen Castinetti

Unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne D. Rappa
Town Clerk