

## **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2010 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman David Canada, Selectmen Bruno Federico and Tim Copeland and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

At 6:45 pm, the Chair opened the special meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Vicky Avery and Dan Crow, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary and the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department Association, and the Stratham Community Church were present to discuss the traditional tree lighting ceremony being held on Sunday, December 5, 2010, from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Although the event has been scheduled, no one has officially been designated as the lead role coordinator for the event.

Mr. Canada stated he had a request to organize the event from members of the Town Center Committee. It was noted that the Fire Department has had the same level of involvement since the 1950's. Mr. Copeland felt that based on the history of the event, the Fire Department should be the lead organizer for this year's event.

Resident Tom House was present and stated he felt it was great so many groups have taken an interest in hosting the event, but it does need an individual or entity to coordinate a successful event.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the offer of the Fire Department, Stratham Community Church, the Boy Scouts and the Ladies Auxiliary to host this year's tree lighting ceremony, and to allow the use of the Morgera Room. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Avery asked if the Fire Department sign could be used to publicize the event. Mr. Canada stated the Stratham Historical Society is currently using the sign to promote their open house. Mr. Deschaine told the Board he was informed today that the sign letters were now being stored in the armoire in the Morgera Room. The Board questioned the prudence of that decision and will discuss the matter with Fire Chief Stan Walker. In the meantime, the group can talk with Pat Sapienza from the Historical Society about sharing the sign space.

At 6:52 pm, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey J. Grella  
Executive Assistant

Reviewed By,

Paul R. Deschaine  
Town Administrator