

November 7, 2011

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2011**

Present: Thomas Creamer, Chairman
Mary Dowling
Mary Blanchard
Angeline Ellison
Priscilla Gimas
Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. at Tantasqua Regional High School, prior to the Special Town Meeting.

Special Town Meeting

T. Creamer read the proposed motion to recess, which the Board of Selectmen had voted to present on November 4, 2011: "Due to the October 29-30 snowstorm and its impact on the community, I move that the Special Town Meeting be recessed until December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Tantasqua Regional High School." The Board concurred.

Letter to National Grid

S. Suhoski distributed copies of the proposed letter to National Grid from the Board, expressing dissatisfaction with the response of National Grid to the October 29 snowstorm and the associated power outages. T. Creamer suggested adding the words dissatisfaction with the response of National Grid "at the management level," not the line crews.

MOTION: That the Board approve the issuance of the letter to National Grid as amended, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimas

Vote: All in favor.

There was a policy discussion regarding priorities for the future in the event of power outages, and how to help residents who are not on Town water.

Budget for Debris

S. Suhoski said that Barbara Barry, Finance Director, had suggested that the Board authorize borrowing, and to fund the Town portion at \$410,000 from Free Cash. B. Barry spoke to the issue as well. It was the consensus of the Board to place it on the agenda for the November 14, 2011 meeting.

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IOD Claim

MOTION: To approve the IOD claim for Police Officer Earl Dessert, as detailed in Chief Ford's memo dated November 2, 2011, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimas

Vote: All in favor.

Farquhar Road Easements

P. Gimas requested that the Board take action on the Farquhar Road easements. S. Suhoski noted that the Board had already approved them, subject to language drafted by Town Counsel.

MOTION: To accept the easements for Farquhar Road, by P. Gimas.

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

Trunk or Treat for Halloween

A.Ellison suggested that a Trunk or Treat event be held at the Town Common on Friday, November 11, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

MOTION: To authorize Trunk or Treat, as determined by the Sturbridge Fire Dept. and Police Dept., by A.Ellison.

2nd: M. Dowling

Vote: All in favor.

Article 48

Joel Bard, Kopelman and Paige, discussed the language of Article 48. He noted that it is not an Article 97 vote; active recreation is permitted under Article 97.

MOTION: To adjourn, by M. Blanchard.

2nd: P. Gimas

Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

BOS Clerk

Date