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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.
Selectmen's Meeting Chambers

I. PRELIMINARIES:

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.
- 1.2 Roll Call Vote showed that three members were present: Vice-Chairman Robert Plamondon (RP), Clerk Sue Lisio (SL), and Chairman David R. Chenelle (DRC).
- 1.3 There were no Chairman's additions or deletions.

II. APPOINTMENTS/HEARINGS:

- 2.1 6:30 PM Executive Session with Police Chief and Police Union RE: Collective Bargaining Negotiations. RP motioned that the Board go into Executive Session at 7:40 PM under Exemption 3 and reconvene in regular session. SL seconded. Roll Call Vote: RP (YES), SL (YES), and DRC (YES). BP moved that the Board adjourn executive session at 7:07 PM and reconvene in open session after a brief recess. SL seconded. Roll call vote: RP (YES), SL (YES), and DRC (YES). RP moved that the Board reconvene at 7:08 PM. SL seconded. Unanimous vote.

III. MEETING BUSINESS:

- 3.1 Discuss FY 2011 Capital Planning Process. Paul Concemi, Chairman of the Finance Committee, was present for the discussion. Mr. Concemi noted his Committee will not look at capital-related articles until they are reviewed by the Capital Planning Committee. The Board and Mr. Concemi are in agreement that capital items – unless an emergency - should be addressed as part of a capital budget article during the Fall Town Meeting after review by the Capital Planning Committee, not during the Spring Town Meeting. By Fall, the Town will have definitive local aid numbers and may be able to access additional revenue sources, i.e. one-time monies from the possible purchase by the State of a tax title property which would net the Town significant revenue. Focus at the Spring Town Meeting will be on presenting a balanced operating budget. The Board will discuss the idea of delaying the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 4 so as to allow more time to get a better idea of what the State will be giving the Town in local aid at its next regular meeting. Also, the Board would like the State Senator and Representative to be present at an upcoming meeting with the Board and Finance Committee to discuss important fiscal matters, such as the proposed cutbacks by the Governor in Townsend's PILOT monies and health care plan design.

IV. APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONNEL/OFFICIALS:

- 4.1 SL moved that the Board nominate for appointment John A. King of 2 School Street, Townsend as Animal Inspector to perform Barn Book Inspections and Mary Letourneau of 352

Main Street, Townsend as Animal Inspector to issue Quarantines for the Term Effective May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011. RP seconded. Unanimous vote.

4.2 SL moved that the Board appoint Nicholas Thalheimer to Town Properties Committee as Representative of the Planning Board for a Term from March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011. RP seconded. Unanimous vote.

4.3 SL moved that the Board appoint Bill Roberts to Capital Planning Committee as Representative of the Board of Selectmen for a Term Ending June 30, 2010. RP seconded. Unanimous vote.

4.4 SL moved that the Board appoint the following members to the Recycling Committee for terms through June 30, 2011: Irene Condon, Susan Shaine, Victoria Bender, Michelle Cannon, and Susan Gerkin. RP seconded. Unanimous vote.

V. WORK SESSION:

5.1 *Board of Selectmen Representative Updates/Reports.* No updates/reports.

5.2 *Town Administrator Report/Reminders.* No updates/reports.

5.3 Review/Sign Payroll Warrant. RP moved that the Board review and sign the Payroll Warrant out of session. SL seconded. Unanimous vote.

5.4 Review/Sign Bills Payable Warrant. RP moved that the Board review and sign the Bills Payable Warrant out of session. SL seconded. Unanimous vote.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

RP moved that the Board adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:45 PM. SL seconded. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

Gregory W. Barnes,
Town Administrator