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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
SELECTMEN'S MEETING CHAMBERS

I PRELIMINARIES

- 1.1 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and roll call showed Colin McNabb (CM), vice chairman and Carolyn Smart (CS) clerk.
- 2.1 Work session with the Conservation Commission to discuss appointments and other matters. Conservation Commission (Commission) chairman Karen Chapman (KC) called the Commission to order. Commission members present were: KC, Jennifer Pettit (JP), Mary Small (MS), James Deroian (JD), and John Hussey (JH). Town Administrator Andrew Sheehan (AS) and Conservation Agent Leslie Gabriliska (LG) were also present. CM noted that the joint meeting was called to discuss appointments and the internal conflict on the Commission. He asked that all parties show respect and maintain decorum.

KC summarized the timeline of events, including a sabbatical by Mary Small. JD stated that it was unfair for MS to not attend meetings for so long and then attend when she did. He also said prospective Commissioner Steve Marshall was treated unfairly by being allowed to attend meetings and then not being recommended for appointment. JP said MS was unavailable due to professional commitments and that the Commission gave her latitude because of her invaluable knowledge and experience.

Prospective member Mike Turgeon said that the Commission picks and chooses what and how it enforces the Wetlands Protection Act, is arbitrary, does not conduct its business in a transparent fashion, and is disrespectful of property owners. He also said the Commission's current light workload does not require Commissioners with expertise. MS said the Commission has an issue with tone, respect, and professionalism. CS stated she thinks MS is being bullied by JD due to his loud voice.

The joint session with the Conservation Commission ended at 8:15PM.

- 1.2 Chairman's Additions or Deletions: Fire Department transfer of appropriations. CS moved to amend the previously approved transfer of appropriations by reducing it by \$1,000. CM seconded. Unanimous.
- 8:35 Meeting adjourned.

Note: documents used or referenced during the meeting are available at http://www.townsend.ma.us/Pages/TownsendMA_BOSAgenda/ or in the Selectmen's Office.