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**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 11, 2014, 6:00 P.M.**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING CHAMBERS**

**I PRELIMINARIES**

- 1.1 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and roll call showed Sue Lisio, Chairman (SL), and Colin McNabb, Clerk (CM) present.
- 1.2 Chairman's Additions or Deletions: The Chairman added 3.7 - Review and approve snow and ice deficit spending authorization in the amount of \$25,000, and deleted 3.3 – Sign Highway/Water union contract and 3.5 – Distribute the FY15 operating budget from the Town Administrator.

**II APPOINTMENTS AND HEARINGS**

- 2.1 Fire-EMS Chief Screening Committee to discuss the search for a new Chief: As Chair of the Committee, Deputy Police Chief David Profit informed the Board that there were 24 applicants of which eight (8) were interviewed and three (3) have been chosen as finalists to be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen. They are:

Mark Boynton – Chief, Amherst, NH  
Gregory Gagnon – Captain, Dracut, MA  
Timothy Johnston – Captain, Ayer, MA

After discussion it was decided that the Board will review some sample questions from the committee and the candidate's applications before they come before the Board.

**III MEETING BUSINESS**

- 3.1 Review and approve Chapter 90 reimbursement request in the amount of \$40,935.04 for crack sealing on Warren Road, Turner Road, Haynes Road, Lunenburg Road, and Dudley Road: Mr. Sheehan reminded the Board that this work was completed last year. CM moved to approve. SL seconded. Unanimous.
- 3.2 Review and approve Chapter 90 reimbursement request in the amount of \$3,187.00 for Route 13 survey: CM moved to approve. SL seconded. Unanimous.
- 3.4 Distribute the FY15 capital plan from the Capital Planning Committee: The Board agreed to add this to the agenda for the next meeting and invite the Capital Planning Committee to attend.
- 3.6 Discuss Special Town Meeting warrant articles and motions: Mr. Sheehan said the motions will be read by members of the School Building Committee. The motion for Article 1 includes an additional sentence stating approval is contingent on a proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion vote: "The amount of borrowing authorized by the District for the Project shall be executed between the District and the MSBA. The approval of the District's borrowing by this vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allowable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½).

3.7 Review and approve snow and ice deficit spending authorization in the amount of \$25,000: CM moved to approve. SL seconded. Unanimous.

**IV APPOINTMENTS OF PERSONNEL/OFFICIALS**

None

**V WORK SESSION**

5.1 Board of Selectmen updates and reports: SL noted that last night Pepperell passed the high school building project. CM congratulated the North Middlesex High School hockey team for their division championship.

5.2 Town Administrator updates and reports: Mr. Sheehan updated the Board on the replacement of a faulty gas meter for the Town Hall. Unitil replaced an old one in 2009 and an audit by Unitil this year showed that the replacement unit was faulty and we were only being billed for 10% of our usage since then. Unitil has agreed to absorb the approximately \$48,000 difference, but our energy budget will need to increase to cover the usage.

5.3 Review and sign payroll and bills payable warrants: CM moved to sign warrants in session. SL seconded. Unanimous.

At 6:30PM CM moved to adjourn to Special Town Meeting beginning at 7:00PM. SL seconded. Unanimous.