

**BOARD OF
SELECTMEN
MEETING
MINUTES**

April 1, 2014

Fire & EMS Headquarters, 20 Church Street , Training Room
Chairman James Brochu; Selectman Kenneth Picard; Town Manager,
Blythe C. Robinson; Executive Assistant, Sandra Hakala.

1 The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Chairman Brochu opened the meeting and after the
2 pledge of allegiance he reviewed the agenda
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4 **MINUTES**

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6 ***Passed over***
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8 **MANAGERS REPORT**
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10 The Personnel Board met this week and approved the salaries for non-union employees next year
11 and has forwarded those to the Finance Committee. They held several meetings for employees at
12 which the consultant for the Classification and Compensation Plan gave a presentation on the
13 new plan and answered questions.
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15 The COA, in conjunction with Tri Valley is planning to have a volunteer luncheon on Friday,
16 April 11th to recognize all of the volunteers that assist at the Upton Center. Selectman Fleming
17 will be stopping by.
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19 Final invoices are in for snow and ice is currently about \$130,000.
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21 **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
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23 **FY 2014/2015 Budget Review**

24 In preparation for their joint meeting with the Finance Committee the Selectmen were satisfied
25 with the latest suggested reductions which captured everything discussed at the last meeting and
26 they applauded the Town Manager's efforts in preparing a favorable budget. Selectman Picard
27 was disappointed that the funding for drainage repairs was removed from the budget but will
28 address it again in the fall as well as the police cruiser. They have received no comments from
29 elected boards regarding the Strategic Initiative on the compensation of elected officials.
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31 **Review Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

32 The warrant has been sent to Town Counsel as well as all of the boards and the Town Manager is
33 awaiting feedback and edits. Chairman Brochu asked the other board members to send the Town
34 Manager a list of comments on the warrant.
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36 **Accept COA member resignation**

37 The Selectmen reviewed the resignation of Gus Dufrense from the Council on Aging Board.
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39 ***Motion #1:*** Motion made by Selectman Picard to accept with regret the resignation based on his
40 letter sent to the Board and thanked him for his time shared on the Council on Aging Board.
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42 Second: Selectman Picard, Majority action of the Board, Chairman Brochu.

43 Motion to Appoint Member of the Green Community Committee
44 The Selectmen reviewed an application from Brad Rolph who would like to be appointed to this
45 committee.

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47 **Motion #2:** Motion made by Selectman Picard to appoint Brad Rolph to the Green Community
48 Designation Committee.

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50 Second: Selectman Picard, Majority Action of the Board, Chairman Brochu

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52 Mendon-Upton Teachers Association Run for their Future Road Race

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54 The Mendon-Upton Teachers Association submitted the course map and registration information
55 to hold their annual road race starting at Nipmuc High School on May 3rd. They have reviewed
56 this with the Police Department and the Chief is comfortable with the plan. They have also
57 offered to canvass the neighborhood with fliers so that residents are informed, and perhaps use
58 the school's alert system as another means of letting folks know that the streets will be affected
59 for a short time that day. The Town Manager recommends approval of their request.

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61 **Motion #3:** Motion made by Selectman Picard to approve the Mendon-Upton Teachers
62 Association's annual road race starting at Nipmuc High School on May 3rd.

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64 Second: Selectman Picard, Majority Action of the Board, Chairman Brochu

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66 **RECOGNITION**

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68 The Selectman would like to invite the DPW in to offer thanks and appreciation for all their hard
69 work during the winter month.

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71 **ADJOURN MEETING**

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73 **Motion #5:** At 6:55pm Motion was made by Selectman Picard to adjourn the regular meeting.

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75 Second: Selectman Fleming, Unanimous: Chairman Brochu.

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79 Respectfully submitted,

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81 Sandra Hakala, Executive Assistant