

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 16, 2012

Present: Chairman Bellville; Selectmen Darcy; Ebbighausen; Schill; and TA Collins. Selectman Smith has been detained and will be at the meeting at 6:30p.m..

6:00 p.m. Chairman Bellville called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the meeting of January 9, 2012 were not emailed to the Selectmen. Minutes will be forwarded on Tuesday.

Selectman Schill made a motion to sign the professional service agreement with MRI for the Police Chief Recruitment, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to sign for the Chairman to sign the Highway Safety Applications for DUI Patrol and Enforcement Patrol each for the amount of \$5,718.00, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to Deny the Vendor Permit for Gary A. Boes, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to award the town report to Whitman Communication in the amount of \$3,600, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to increase the Water Rates by 5%, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to increase the Sewer Rates by 10%, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

6:30 p.m. Selectmen Smith joined the meeting.

Selectmen reviewed the following warrant articles:

Brush Truck for Fire Department – the Selectmen tabled discussion until further information can be provided.

Monument Road – the Selectman reduced the article to \$25,000. The article needs to be reworded in order to become an expendable trust with the Selectman as agents.

Police Cruiser – Selectman Schill made a motion to remove the warrant article, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Police Station Capital Reserve – the article needs to be reworded in order to become an expendable trust. Selectman Smith made a motion to recommend the article with the appropriate wording and to place \$50,000 in the fund, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously 5 - 0.

Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment – Selectman Smith made a motion to recommend the article in the amount of \$19,150, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously 5 – 0.

Fire Department Breathing Apparatus – Selectman Schill made a motion to recommend the article in the amount of \$16,000, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously 5 – 0.

Transit Service – Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to recommend the article in the amount of \$15,500 to be taken from the June 30, 2012 undesignated fund balance, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously 5 – 0.

Backhoe Expendable Trust – Selectman Smith made a motion to recommend the article in the amount of \$10,000 of which \$5,000 will be from water user fees and \$5,000 will be raised through taxation, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously 5 – 0.

Community Center Building Improvement Fund – Selectman Smith made a motion to recommend the article in the amount of \$5,000 to be taken from the June 20, 2012 undesignated fund balance, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously 5 – 0.

American Red Cross Contribution – Selectman Smith made a motion to recommend the article in the amount of \$1,939, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes, 3 – 2.

Monadnock Region Child Advocacy Center - Selectman Smith made a motion to recommend the article in the amount of \$1,000, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes, 3 – 2.

Selectmen reviewed additional items on the Capital Improvement Plan. They will explore starting funding for Fire Station Improvements next year.

Fire Truck contribution they will explore along with the brush truck.

Instead of leasing the F550 for the Highway Department, Selectman Darcy made a motion to recommend an article for an Expendable Trust for Highway Capital Equipment to be funded in the amount of \$25,000, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously 5 – 0.

The Selectmen reviewed the proposed revenues.

The Selectmen reviewed the additional amount to Agencies. There is approximately a \$1,000 increase to the meals program. Selectman Smith mad a motion to tentatively approve the Agencies budget in the amount of \$47,534, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen reviewed the Water Department Budget. TA Collins and Supt. Nadeau need to sharpen the pencil on a few of the items.

7:46 p.m. Selectman Smith made a motion to close the meeting for legal discussion with the Town Attorney, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

8:16 p.m. Selectman Smith made a motion to reopen the meeting, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectman reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget. Supplies were reduced from \$25,000 to \$22,000; Tools reduced from \$5,000 to \$3,500; and Overtime reduced from \$9,956 to \$8,500.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to enter into a Non-Public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, a – Personnel, second by Schill. Vote was as follows: Bellville – I; Darcy – I; Ebbighausen – I; Schill – I; Smith – I. Motion passes unanimously.

8:42 p.m. Selectmen returned to the regular meeting.

Selectman Smith made a motion to seal the minutes, second by Darcy. Vote was as follows: Bellville – I; Darcy – I; Ebbighausen – I; Schill – I; Smith – I. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Smith made a motion to accept the resignation of Maria Shaw with regret, second by Darcy.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to inform the Tax Collector with a memo that his office is being moved to accommodate the Secretary/Receptionist and Water Collection Clerk in the same office, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman continued reviewing the WWTP budget. The Truck Expense was reduced from \$1,000 to \$500.

Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively approve the WWTP budget for the amount of \$332,768, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Chairman Bellville mentioned he was informed the blinking light at Plain Road and Route 119 was not working. Collins and Darcy mentioned they have seen it blinking. Collins will bring it to the PD attention.

The Budget Committee will be meeting at the school this Wednesday to review the budget with the School Board.

8:52 p.m. Selectman Schill made a motion to adjourn, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins, Town Administrator