

**Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Time: 7:03 p.m.

Members present: Peter McMurray, Dan Meunier and Joe Casey

- 2) Motion to approve and sign on Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) forms. (Mike Bussell). Matching Grant for Radio Communication and Storms. (Mary Krapf asked) Notarized by Lois Raymond Notary.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Peter McMurray                      Vote: Unan

- 3) Motion to approve minutes of April 13, 2011 as recorded.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Peter McMurray                      Vote: Unan

- 4) Motion to approve minutes of April 27, 2011 as recorded.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Joe Casey                      Vote: DM/JC - Aye  
PM Abstained

- 5) Motion to approve minutes of May 11, 2011 as recorded.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Joe Casey                      Vote: DM/JC - Aye  
PM Abstained

- 6) Motion to approve minutes of May 16, 2011 as recorded. (Working Session)

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Peter McMurray                      Vote: Unan

- 7) Warrant # W47P approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$48,080.66 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Peter McMurray                      Vote: Unan

- 8) Warrant # W48B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$67,333.90 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Peter McMurray                      Vote: Unan

- 9) Warrant # W48B1 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$5,465.40 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Peter McMurray                      Vote: Unan

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10) Warrant # W48B2 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$7,659.47 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Peter McMurray

Vote: Unan

7:15 p.m. Presentation of Ashby Recovery Academy (Jack Maloney). Passed out overview to citizens. President of Adcare Hospital would like to propose what is planned for the Spring Hill Property. Will be staffed 24 hrs a day to address any issues. Residents will remain on site at all times. Land will be purchased as Private Entity. Will be operated as Non-Profit Organization but taxes will be paid to the Town of Ashby. Will be operating as a very affordable facility for the patients. Stated to audience that he is a recovering alcoholic.

Robert Lenhardt, LCSW (also recovering alcoholic) will be supervising the staff. Spoke on some of the things that they are hoping to accomplish at facility. Mary Krapf asked about census and staffing. Census at full capacity would be 48. Staff employed will be 21-28. PM asked about transportation and initiation. Family will be allowed to visit. Residents not allowed to leave without supervision. Jack Maloney does not anticipate any major renovations. Patients are 18 and over. JC asked about ownership of property at this time. (Banked owned). Patients where do they come from (Mass.) Any plans to subdivide? (No) Acuity of patients? (need to be self-sufficient). When will ownership be taken? (30-45) days from this week. PM suggested having an open meeting for residents and abutters to ask questions and voice their concerns. He is concerned about the condition of road and police protection. Who will facility be licensed by? (Department of Public Health) JC asked how long lease for? (Unknown at this time). Would like contact information left for the Selectmen. PM will try and set up a meeting with residents and organizers.

PM feels EMT's and Fire Department need to be enlightened as to what the process will be. Ratio of counselors to patients will be 2-1. Evening staff will be there to monitor patients. The overnight staff is an awake staff. JC stated that many of the townspeople would be experienced in different areas for potential employment. Sen. Flanagan's representative states the Senator is very much in favor of this project and facility. PM states letters will be sent to all abutter about project. JC would like to know about the organization's structure and thanked representatives for coming tonight. PM will contact Jen Collins on what needs to be done next. Tim Rassias (Partner) was also present. Ended at 8:05 pm.

Request for Selectmen's Review of Solar Project Questions from May 20, 2011 Site Visit/Conference (Alan Pease). States 9 or 10 Requests for Bid Packages have been received. Selectmen would like to know if these companies that bid would be certified. State does not require certification for Solar projects (Alan Pease). Also asked about time involvement of Town Inspectors, ie Building, Plumbing, and Electrical. PM asked about compensation. AP states it is credits and it is possible for up to 100 credits. PM suggested having the Rep. from Winchendon come to a meeting to talk about their progress.

Request to Award Wheeler Road Bids: (MRPC) (Highway Superintendent did not attend) Kevin Flynn from MRCP spoke:

4 bids received. P.J. Keating was lowest bid @\$253,000.00

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11) Motion to award Wheeler Road Bids as recommended by Highway Superintendent (letter attached).

Motion: Dan Meunier    Seconded: Peter McMurray    Vote: Unan

12) Motion to Award Highway Road Material Guardrail Bids to Commonwealth Guardrail as lowest bidder at \$43,673.00.

Motion: Dan Meunier    Seconded: Peter McMurray    Vote: Unan

13) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-43 in the amount of \$180.62 to the Firefighter/EMT Overtime Account.

Motion: Dan Meunier    Seconded: Peter McMurray    Vote: Unan

14) Motion to appoint Peter Niall as Building Inspector for a fill-in one-year term from May 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

Motion: Dan Meunier    Seconded: Peter McMurray    Vote: Unan

15) Motion to appoint Richard Hanks as Building Inspector Alternate for a fill-in one-year term from May 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012.

Motion: Dan Meunier    Seconded: Peter McMurray    Vote: Unan

16) Motion to approve Police Chief's change to Police Chief Contract (Chief Drew). Chief Drew needs to initial second original copy of contract.

Motion: Dan Meunier    Seconded: Peter McMurray    Vote: Unan

17) Motion to approve and sign on Auditor Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 2011. Chairman states everything has been corrected and resolved in regard to audit recommendations.

Motion: Dan Meunier    Seconded: Peter McMurray    Vote: Unan

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report. Letter to Commend Emergency Services for response and handling of incident at home of Karen Martin, Main Street.

Memorial Day Schedule Announced

Volunteers needed for work on various town grounds and fields.

Vacancies still available on boards and committees announced.

Historical Society having a Barn Dance on August 20, 2011 at Stock Farm

Public Comments (If any)

Budgeting Workshop on May 26, 2011 at Town Hall

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John Pankosky went to Mass. Recycling Meeting yesterday to work on Draft for Groton Recycling Center. They have agreed to pay quarterly. Contract modified to take out the wording "All"

18) Motion to approve and sign Recycling Agreement Out of Session.

Motion: Dan Meunier                                  Seconded: Peter McMurray                                  Vote: Unan

19) Motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Motion: Dan Meunier                                  Seconded: Peter McMurray                                  Vote: Unan

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                Dan Meunier

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: \_\_\_\_\_