

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Minutes

Date: April 25, 2012

Time: 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Peter McMurray, Dan Meunier and Mike McCallum

Presentation of donated Cold Water Rescue Suit (Lunenburg Snowmobile Club and Wanda Goodwin): Mel Bertram, President of the Lunenburg Snowmobile Club, presented the Selectmen and the Town of Ashby with a dry survival suit. He gave a brief explanation of how the funds are raised and what kind of projects the club does. They would like to ask that the Town work with their club in order to create and maintain safe trails for snowmobiling and explained the working of a grant to help them with this venture. Selectmen thanked the club for their generous gift.

2) Motion to elect Peter McMurray as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Mike McCallum                      Vote: DM/MM – Aye  
PM: Abstain

3) Motion to elect Dan Meunier as Procurement Officer for the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Peter McMurray                      Seconded: Mike McCallum                      Vote: PM/MM – Aye  
DM: Abstain

4) Motion to elect Mike McCallum as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Peter McMurray                      Vote: PM/DM – Aye  
MM: Abstain

5) Motion to approve minutes of April 11, 2012 as recorded.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Peter McMurray                      Vote: PM/DM – Aye  
MM: Abstain

Request for Selectmen's appointment of Board of Selectmen member to serve as Municipal Hearings Officer.

6) Motion to appoint Mike McCallum as Municipal Hearings Officer.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Peter McMurray                      Vote: PM/DM – Aye  
MM: Abstain

Any other business not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman:

7) Motion to approve and sign on a letter of thanks and appreciation to Joe Casey for his years of service to the Town as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Mike McCallum                      Vote: Unan

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8) Motion to approve and sign on a One Day Liquor License for the Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club for Kid's Fishing Derby on May 5, 2012.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Mike McCallum                      Vote: Unan

9) Motion to approve and sign on a One Day Liquor license for the Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club for a Benefit on May 19, 2012.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Mike McCallum                      Vote: Unan

Doug Briggs requested that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen close out the CDBG Grant for the fiscal year 2009.

10) Motion to approve and have Chairman sign to close out the CDBG Grant for Fiscal Year 2009.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Mike McCallum                      Vote: Unan

Town Administrator briefing regarding MIIA Insurance Renewal for FY 2013 for Property, Liability and Workers Compensation Coverages.

11) Motion to approve renewal with MIIA Insurance for FY 2013.

Motion: Dan Meunier                      Seconded: Mike McCallum                      Vote: Unan

Results of Election were read by Chairman.  
Announcement of meetings and events were read.

7:30 p.m. - Meeting turned over to Moderator Nancy Chew for Pre-Town Meeting:

Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

Article 1 - No comments or questions

Article 2 - Question of rumors that sign has already been purchased. PM states no payment has been made but it has been delivered to the town.

Article 3 - No comments or questions

Article 4 – Question: Is Dan Meunier certified to be a Procurement Officer?  
Answer: No

Question: Why are these items listed so far on the Special Town Meeting and not on Annual Town Meeting?

Answer: Because they are for fiscal year 2012 spending not fiscal year 2013.

Article 5 - No comments or questions

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Article 6 - No comments or questions

Article 7 - No comments or questions

Article 8 - No comments or questions

Article 9 - Question: Is this for sidewalks?

Answer: No, what it is for is listed in the Brief Explanation in the Warrant. List of roads to be preserved was read by Moderator.

Article 10 - Question: Why are there no figures in this article?

Answer: If everything passes in STM, Moderator told what the final figure will be to move to Stabilization.

Doug Briggs explained what he has done to make a Briefing Book for the motion makers to compare tax figures for the Town with other towns in the Commonwealth.

Annual Town Meeting:

Article 1 - No questions or comments.

Article 2 - No questions or comments.

Article 3 - No questions or comments.

Article 4 - No questions or comments

Article 5 - No questions or comments.

Article 6 - No questions or comments.

Article 7 - No questions or comments.

Article 8 - Comment from Doug Briggs on this article and how the money can be spent.

Comment from Lillian Whitney that if money is left over can town apply for it?

Answer: There are usually no monies left over.

Article 9 - No questions or comments.

Article 10 - Comment: DM requested that numbers be available at Town Meeting if needed.

Article 11 - Question as to why the figures stated on this article are different from what the Finance Committee voted on.

Answer: PM states that figures have changed since Finance Committee took action. Doug Briggs explained that the \$10k for union raises was removed and put into the Police and Highway wage lines. Finance Committee changed the amount for the Library. Finance Committee member states he will check into difference and have that explanation available at Town Meeting.

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Article 12 - No questions or comments.

Article 13 – Question: Who will be responsible for enforcing this law?

Answer: Building Inspector

Comment: Why is this article necessary?

Answer: Times are changing

Article 14 – Question: What are the advantages to this article?

Answer: Allows new buildings to look like the old ones which affect the Historic District.

Article 15 - No questions or comments.

Article 16 - No questions or comments.

Article 17 - Moderator states they are working with Town Counsel to see what the consequences of this vote will be. Doug Briggs states he is also working with them on alternatives to this. MM is concerned how the voters will interrupt this article if changed after already voted at override election held on 4/23/12. Moderator would like this article amended before meeting if possible so as not to confuse the voters.

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report:

Public Comments: Reminder of Dispatch Regionalization Forum on Thursday April 26, 2012.

12) Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Mike McCallum

Vote: Unan

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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