

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 16th, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Public Hearing – Town Manager, Russell Smith, opened the Public Hearing on the Budget and Warrant Articles at 6:00 p.m. Russell proposed a seven month budget and holding off on changing the Fiscal Year at this time, finishing out our year in January 2014 and then starting the process in March, with a 17 month proposed Budget. After much discussion and disagreement between residents and selectmen over the fiscal year change, there was a decision to go back to the 17 month Budget idea. Russell already having done a 5 month Budget, will now compile figures for a 12 month worksheet for the Town Meeting Vote.

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Called to order by Joan Brooks at 6:51 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen were present, except C. Grover, Jr., whose absence was excused by **D. Goodwin / P. Lyford** **Vote 4-0.**

MINUTES: Meeting of June 18th & 25th, 2013 – Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve as printed. **P. Lyford / D. Goodwin** **Vote 4-0.**

PUBLIC ACCESS: No questions or comments at this time.

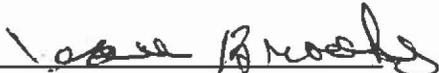
PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis gave his report for the month of June. Ellis mentioned call volumes have decreased a little the past month. The department recently responded to a fatal accident in Clifton, which Chief Ellis described as “horrific”, that being the departments fourth multiple fatal in a two year span. Lt. Craig Russell was congratulated on receiving two new safety grants for the department and also becoming a dad. Craig and Kristen became proud parents on June 26, 2013.

Police: Deputy Mason went over his report for June. Deputy Mason spoke about a recent SWAT School Training event he attended, and a few special details he completed with some other deputies assistance.

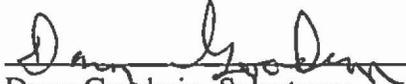
ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: Report for June – Included in packet

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Susan Shane _Update of Plumbing Fees. Shane presented a spreadsheet of figures on behalf of the Planning Board, including explanations of how they were compiled. No action taken by Selectmen.


Joan Brooks, Chairman


Charles Grover Jr., Vice-Chairman


Charles Baker, Jr., Selectmen


Donn Goodwin, Selectmen


Peter Lyford, Selectmen

NEW BUSINESS: Sign Local Road Assistance Program – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign. **D. Goodwin / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 4-0.**

A Motion was made, seconded and passed to go with the 17 month Budget. The bill will go out in August, half due in September and the other half in March.

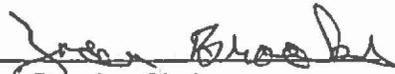
D. Goodwin / P. Lyford Vote 3-1 (C. Baker, Jr. opposed)

WARRANT: Motion to sign warrants for July, 2013.

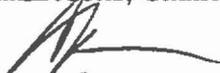
C. Baker, Jr. / D. Goodwin Vote 4-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Several comments made regarding the earlier Public Hearing. The consensus of the residents in attendance were “No matter when you change the year, it is still going to result in the same process” “You may as well get it in line with the State & the Schools Budget, to be able to plan better at the municipal level” “It’s what the people Voted for at the annual town meeting in March, give them what they want.”

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn, 6:50 p.m. **D. Goodwin / P. Lyford Vote 4-0.**



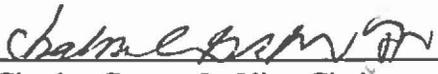
Joan Brooks, Chairman



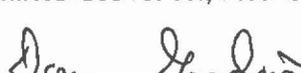
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