

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

**Wednesday
June 11th, 2014
6:00 P. M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Meeting was called to order by Chairman, J. Brooks at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All members present.

PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN WARRANT & BUDGET ARTICLES

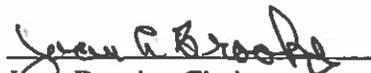
There were several concerns regarding some significant increases over last year's budget figures. Residents Gretchen Heldmann & Susan Shane expressed their concern with several areas, resulting in an overall increase of 16%, at best. The Selectmen's salary increase was questioned, because it was doubled. Selectmen, C. Baker, Jr., who suggested the increase, explained that it had not been touched for a very long time, at least the past two decades. The highways line, which is over \$80,000 higher than the previous year. It was explained that the increase was long overdue, as there had been no extra put into that line since 2000-2001 budget year. Russell spoke about borrowing money, a "Road Note", at a low interest rate.

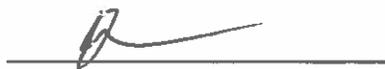
Other areas of discussions: \$28,400.00 under the winter maintenance line, putting money into capitol improvement, the fire department compensation line, proposed fire truck purchase, and the fire contract with Clifton.

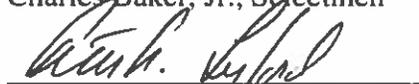
Fire Chief, Jim Ellis answered questions regarding the current truck condition as well as the liabilities to the department and town that go with having something so out of date and unreliable, adding that it will not even pass a pump test.

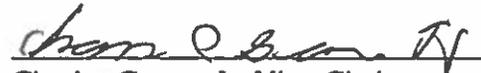
After much discussion in several areas, and some frustration with how it was not well advertised ahead or attended, it was suggested that there be an additional public hearing before the annual Town Meeting date. The Town Manager and Selectmen agreed to another public hearing and set the date for the following Monday, June 16th, 2014.

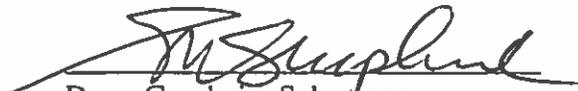
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
C. Grover, Jr. / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 5-0.


Joan Brooks, Chairman


Charles Baker, Jr., Selectmen


Peter Lyford, Selectmen


Charles Grover Jr., Vice-Chairman


Don Goodwin, Selectmen
MICHAEL SHEPHERD