

Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall Conference Room  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
Minutes

Present: First Selectman William W. Fritz, Jr.; Selectmen, Dolly Mezzetti, Thomas Vicino and John Giannotti .

Absent: Carol Walter

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag

**VISITORS**

Phil Sengle asked if the Board of Selectmen will be making any recommendations to the Charter Revision Committee. The Charter Revision Committee will need to hold a public hearing to solicit information. At this point the Board of Selectmen hasn't made any recommendations but they will be invited to attend the public hearing. The Town Clerk submitted her recommendations to the committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

Mezzetti made a motion to approve the minutes from February 2, 2012. Vicino seconded the motion for discussion. Under budget reviews on page 3 Mezzetti amended the motion to say "*Mezzetti made a motion to approve the town budget and send it to the Board of Finance, including the adjustment made tonight, for a total of \$14,951,364 or 4.64 percent above last year.*" Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

**RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

None

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to move to agenda item #8 Charter Revision Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

**CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE**

Fritz read the names of everyone who was appointed to the committee. Each member stood up and introduced themselves. Jane Scully Welch was the only member not present for the meeting.

Bradford J. Sullivan	Omar Francis
Thomas G. Hollinger	Thomas Terribile
Jane Scully Welch	Leonard Cahill
Edward Miller	Michael Galwey
Sally Cotter	

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Karen Marsden, Town Clerk, gave each committee member a copy of the charter, a list of her recommendations and an outline with time frames. The Board of Selectmen need to have the final revisions by the end of July and the public hearing will be held sometime in August. The first meeting of the Charter Revision has been scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of Town Hall. At the first meeting they will need to elect a chairman and set the calendar. The committee will need to hold at least two public hearings, one at the beginning for input and one at the end with their final recommendations.

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to move back to agenda item #5 Public Works. The motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITY VEHICLE WITH PLOW AND ALL SEASON DUMP**

Based on our fund balance Kevin Kane, Finance Director recommended removing both trucks from capital and pay for both trucks through a special appropriation. The cost to replace the all season dump is \$185,000 and the cost to replace the utility vehicle with plow is \$85,000. The all season dump is a 10 wheel truck but will get replaced with a 6 wheel truck. These trucks have been put in capital every year and then keep getting taken out. The all season dump is 23 years old and has 58,799 miles. The utility vehicle was recently auctioned and had 161,214 miles. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to appropriate up to \$270,000 for an all season dump and utility vehicle with plow and send to the Board of Finance. Giannotti abstained from voting. The motion passed 2-0-1.

**ACCEPT \$400,000 SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (STEAP) GRANT**

The Town of Clinton was awarded \$400,000 through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) to construct downtown streetscape improvements. No match is required by the town. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to accept the Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant in the amount of \$400,000 and send to the Board of Finance for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

**AWARD RFP 2012 SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

The town received a request for proposal for professional and technical services from Larry Wagner & Associates. The town was awarded \$300,000 in 2009 & 2010 for the Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant and \$680,000 in 2011 for renovations to the Glenhaven Elderly Housing Complex. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to award the RFP to L. Wagner and Associates for the 2012 Small Cities Community Development Program. The motion was unanimously approved.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Reported by Vicino

- Vicino and Fritz met with HOPE Partnership

Reported by Fritz

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- This Saturday night is the Fire Department Banquet
- Fritz is meeting with Westbrook & Killingworth this week to finalize the regional dog pound
- The Town of Clinton was awarded 1.7 million to dredge the Federal Channel
- Minimal growth on the grand list

**ADJOURN**

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino  
Administrative Assistant