

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Conference Room
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the United States flag

VISITORS

K. Carr gave Fritz a letter addressed to the Morgan Building Committee. A copy of the letter will be attached to the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2012

Mezzetti made a motion to approve the minutes from February 8, 2012. Vicino seconded the motion for discussion. Walter questioned why the minutes from February 1, 2012 were amended at last week's meeting. Walter said Mezzetti made a motion on February 1, 2012 to send the town budget to the Board of Finance. Walter said the motion did not approve the budget. A discussion followed regarding the motion. Walter would like the minutes to reflect the original motion. Walter made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to amend the minutes from February 1, 2011 and have the motion read as previously stated in the February 1, 2012 minutes. Mezzetti opposed the motion. The motion passed 3-1. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to approve the minutes from February 8, 2012. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by to accept the resignation of Michael Markovics, student member of the Conservation Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Democratic Town Committee recommended appointing Ronald Hurlburt as the Fish and Game Constable. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to appoint Ronald Hurlburt (D) as the Fish and Game Constable for a term until June 30, 2012. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM

Mezzetti said every two years a committee needs to be reformed to review the Volunteer Fire Department Tax Exemption Program. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Vicino to appoint a Volunteer Fire Department Tax Exemption Program and appoint Dolly Mezzetti, Melanie Yanus, Brian Manware, Frank Schrempp and another member to be determined by the Fire Department. The motion was unanimously approved.

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COLLECTION ATTORNEY FOR THE TAX OFFICE

Melanie Yanus, Tax Collector recommended hiring collection Attorney Adam Cohen from Pullman & Comley. Attorney Cohen currently works for 36 municipalities. Yanus said the fees will be higher than the current fees. The board requested to have Attorney Cohen attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting. The contract will need to get sent to the town attorney for review.

TAX EXEMPT BOND, POST ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES POLICY

Kevin Kane, Finance Director has reviewed and recommends the Board of Selectmen approve the Tax Exempt Bond, Post Issuance Compliance Procedures Policy. Marie Phelan from Pullman & comely, LLC, Clinton's Bond Counsel also recommends that the Board of Selectmen approve the policy. A copy of the policy was given to the board for review. Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter to table this until the board has a chance to review the policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Vicino

- Fire Department Awards Banquet
- HOPE Partnership – Cost efficient housing

Reported by Walter

- Planning Committee and their preparation of a new plan of conservation and development. The committee is requesting to have a Board of Selectmen serve as a liaison with Planning & Zoning. Giannotti volunteered to serve as the liaison.

Reported by Mezzetti

- Fire Department Awards Banquet – Mezzetti said she was thankful for all the fire department volunteers

Reported by Fritz

- WPCC is having a public information meeting tonight at 7:00 PM in the Green Room of Town Hall.
- Morgan Building Committee is having a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education and Board of Finance on Wednesday, February 29th at 7:00 PM in the Green Room. All Land Use boards and commissions will also be invited.

ADJOURN

Mezzetti made a motion, seconded by Walter, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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