# Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Dan Meunier and Joe Casey

2) Motion to approve minutes of September 1, 2010 as recorded.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: DM/JC – Aye

3) Warrant #: W11P FY11, approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$39,788.39 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

4) Warrant #: W12B FY11, approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$23,903.37 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

5) Warrant #: W12B1 FY11, approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$10,798.01 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

Peter McMurray entered meeting at 7:24 p.m.

6) Motion to approve and sign on Letter to Ashby Residents regarding CDBG Funding for Road Projects.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

Shelly Hatch explained the program and emphasized the fact that the key to making any of the four roads being surveyed eligible for funds is a 100% response from each household on the roadway.

She emphasized that the survey form does not require the release of any detailed financial information.

The "survey" is a one question form that allows the individual to simply "check off" one box among several offering a range of choices. When there is "no response" from any address, MRPC must assume that that household be placed in the maximum category when determining the "average" for the road.

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Wheeler Road's success in qualifying for the road repair funding was the result of excellent cooperation between MRPC Staff and Community Residents. After the initial returns, resident volunteers and MRPC reps visited households from which there was no response to explain the program and ultimately were able to achieve a 100% response.

There are four roads that have been selected to participate in the program for this cycle; (A) County and (B) Damon Roads (in tandem); (C) Jones Hill Road, and (D) Jewett Hill Road.

Those with a 100% response will be considered based on the funds available and work to be done. If not one of the roads has a 100% response rate, MRPC will offer to assist any "neighborhood activists" willing to dedicate the time and effort to take advantage of the program in moving the project forward on their street.

The letter from the BOS is attached to these minutes. (N.B. Dan read it into the record)

7) Motion to approve and sign on Modification of Mortgage Amendment Cost for Housing Rehab Program Participant (MRPC).

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

8) Motion to approve and sign on CDBG FY09 Agreement for Housing Rehab/Septic Program Participant Case #5 for \$8,110 for septic installation.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

9) Motion to approve and sign on CDBG FY09 Agreement for Housing Rehab/Septic Program Participant Case #5A for \$4,675 for plumbing on septic installation.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

10) Motion to approve and sign on CDBG FY09 Agreement for Housing Rehab/Septic Program Participant Case #6 for \$14,910 for septic installation.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

11) Motion to approve and sign on CDBG FY09 Agreement for Housing Rehab/Septic Program Participant Hubbardston Case #6 for \$22,100 for septic system.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

12) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Release of Funds and Certification Form for Community Development Fund I (MRPC).

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

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13) Motion to approve and sign on Special Conditions Letter for Community Development Fund I (MRPC).

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

14) Motion to approve and sign on Acceptance of Deed for the Mary Damon Forest Legacy Parcel.

A brief discussion was held in response to questions addressed to Ms. Kristofferson, representing the Conservation Commission, raised by J.C. concerning (A) Why the deed was not available to the BOS when the binder material was assembled, since the U.S. Forestry Service had approved the deed language some time before April 7, 2010; (B) to note that Ms. Kristofferson has expended an extraordinary amount of effort to obtain the version of the deed that was e-mailed to the BOS less than three hours prior to the meeting; (C) that although the Conservation Commission and BOS were providing acceptances of the parcel, the closing had not, as yet, been scheduled; (D) that \$170,000 in funds had been encumbered and would be available to pay for the parcel; (E) that the transaction was a conveyance to the town, not a conservation restriction on the property; (E) that the untimely passing of one of the parties in the line of succession on the property who had also been appointed as a personal representative of the estate had complicated the probate of the parcel; (F) that the Conservation Commission having all current members present at the meeting would, after the closing, solicit the assistance of the community to develop a plan for the use of the property that is consistent with the parameters established by the U.S. Forest Service Forest Legacy Program through which the purchase price will be paid on behalf of the town; (F) that the process to establish a Conservation Use Plan for the parcel will be initiated by the Conservation Commission soon after the closing with an eye towards completion in approximately one year, more or less, after the closing.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

15) Motion to approve and sign on Amended Proposal Authorization for Design and Construction of Sewer Disposal System Connection (Scott LeClerc).

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

16) Motion to accept the resignation of Bruce Adams as Board of Health Chairman effective September 1, 2010 with regret.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

17) Motion to approve and sign on FEMA March 2010 Flood Reimbursement Forms.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report - attached

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#### Public Comments (if any):

Mary Krapf reported that the Transit Authority has accepted her recommendation that bus transportation be available and provided to senior citizens Monday through Friday. Scheduling arrangements are "in process" and will be completed soon. The "booking process" will be handled through the Assistant TA's office. The fare will be seventy-five cents per trip each way. Individuals assisting seniors in need of assistance will travel free of charge. Ms. Krapf also emphasized that since the bus will usually be making a number of "stops" on each trip, seniors will be encouraged to include ample time in their travel plans to allow for this likelihood.

18) Motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Motion: Dan Meunier

Seconded: Joe Casey

Vote: Unan

Signed by:

Date: \_

Date Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen:

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