Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Date: February 16, 2011

Time: 7:08 p.m.

Members present: Peter McMurray, Dan Meunier and Joe Casey

2) Motion to approve minutes of January 19, 2011 as recorded.

Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: PM/JC – Aye

DM - Abstain

3) Motion to approve minutes of February 7, 2011 as recorded.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: PM/DM – Aye

JC - Abstain

4) Warrant #: W33P approve and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$43,603.81 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

5) Warrant #: W34B approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$33,561.42 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

6) Warrant #: 34B1 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$6,153.65 subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

Selectmen Discuss Regionalization (Ed Vitone):

Ashburnham - financially looking good. Finding that combining resources is very helpful in their town. Checking into possibility of combining Town Administrator duties. States their TA has saved them over 2 million dollars in the two years that their TA has been working for them. Possibility of sharing TA 20 hrs each. Suggest a 3-month trial period with this. Work out details with BOS. PM states goal for Ashby is to save money and do what is good for town. Mechanisms would have to be worked out before anything was decided. PM stated there is a working session with Collins Center in a couple of weeks and would like to talk about it and then make a decision after that meeting. JC requested a list of savings that TA has obtained for Town of Ashburnham to show the 2 million dollar savings. Mr. Vitone will send to BOS. JC asked if Ashburnham government is aware of this. States they are aware and in favor of it. States TA in Ashburnham is person who suggested this as a cost saving measure. BOS thanked Mr. Vitone for his time and presentation. JC asked about time frame to initiate this Mr. Vitone would like to move at whatever pace would move things along with budget time.

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7) Motion to create an Economic Development Plan Committee as per recommended language (attached to these minutes) from the Land Use Agent Chris Ryan (Alan Pease). John Lavin agreed to participate in EDPC. JC Asked what purpose this committee will serve. CR spoke on who will actually be putting together plan. MRPC will be working on this. Will focus on residential and industrial planning and goals. Final results will hopefully be what the Town of Ashby wants personally to go forward with JC asked if this would mean changing by-laws. CR states that is a possibility. But would have to go through other departments and town meetings. AP states if anyone else wants to participate to come forward. All are welcome.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

8) Motion to appoint Joanne Boudreau, Paul Fredrickson, Paul Lieneck and Paula Bogue and John Lavin to the Economic Development Plan Committee. Lillian Whitney asked about money involved in this. CR states none.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

9) Motion to authorize to link Ashby's Town Website to the Appleseed.org Website.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

10) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-17 in the amount of \$1,459.45 to the Municipal Building Repair Account.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

11) Motion to approve and sign on RCTS Enterprise Emergency Reserve Fund Transfer RCTS#4 in the amount of \$700.00 to the General Operating Expenses Account.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

12) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-18 in the amount of \$2,496.00 to the Police Expense Account. Chief states the town has several obligations to the officers for qualifications. Includes classroom and in the field. JC asked if this was just for this year or if money could be carried over. Chief not sure but budget is tight. States they did not meet all their qualifying last year. He wants them to be armed appropriately.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

13) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-19 in the amount of \$1,854.00 to the Police Expense Account. Chief states this is for gas for department.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

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14) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-20 in the amount of \$851.87 to the Police Expense Account. Lighting issues in cruisers. Chief checking on recalls for this problem. States Officer Pepple and Officer Alden often do things to save the town money. BOS thanked them.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

15) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-21 in the amount of \$360.70 to the Police Expense Account.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

16) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-22 in the amount of \$2,175.00 to the Police Expense Account.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

17) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-23 in the amount of \$794.35 to the Police Expense Account.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

18) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-24 in the amount of \$3,200.00 to the Police Expense Account.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

19) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-25 in the amount of \$430.10 to the Highway Machinery Expense Account.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

20) Motion to approve and sign on Request for Reserve Fund Transfer #11-26 in the amount of \$4,066.45 to the Highway Machinery Expense Account.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

21) Motion to designate Dan Meunier as Board of Selectmen Advisor to the Police/Communications Regionalization Study Committee.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

22) Motion to designate Peter McMurray as Board of Selectmen Representative for Highway Union Negotiations.

Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: Unan

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Selectmen discuss Working Session for Collins Center. PM Will check for Wed or Thursday of next week to meet. Will check and get back to BOS.

JC asked Chief Drew how things were going. States he is happy in position and praised the officers of the Dept. for their work and commitment.

Assistant to the Board of Selectmen's Report.

PM read announcements and gave dates and times for seminars Seminar on heat savings will be broadcast on Channel 9.

Public Comments (if any)			
Next Selectmen's Meeting will be or	n March 2, 2011		
23) Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.			
Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote	e: Unan
Signed by: Joe Casey			
Date:			
Date Minutes Approved by Board of	Selectmen:		