Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Date: September 28, 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m. Members present: Peter McMurray, Dan Meunier and Joe Casey 2) Motion to approve and sign on minutes of August 11, 2011 as recorded. Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: DM/PM - Aye JC – Abstain 3) Motion to approve and sign on minutes of August 17, 2011 as recorded. Motion: Joe Casey Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: JC/PM - Aye DM - Abstain 4) Motion to approve and sign on minutes of August 31, 2011 as recorded. Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Joe Casey Vote: JC/DM - Aye PM - Abstain 5) Motion to approve and sign on minutes of September 22, 2011 as recorded. Motion: Dan Meunier Seconded: Peter McMurray Vote: DM/PM - Aye JC – Abstain

Forest Legacy Briefing (MAFL Coordinator Mike Fleming). Last update June 24th. Phase III will not be submitted before meeting next week. JC asked how many property restrictions are currently in Ashby (3). Anticipates that there will be (6). JC is concerned about tax reduction on these properties causing a hardship to the town in regards to revenue. Mike Fleming answered questions and hope to close on these properties by the end of the year. JC asked to table this until more information came in. PM said he didn't have a problem signing on this. Lillian Whitney asked who was following up on the property monitoring, i.e. that all the rules are being adhered to by the property owner. Mr. Fleming stated there are assigned monitors who check yearly and file a report with his office. DM asked how the restrictions would apply 5 or 10 years from now Mr. Fleming explained a change in procedure in closings and transfer of funds to the Town.

6) Motion to approve and sign on Conservation Restriction for 840 New Ipswich Road Moulton property (Al Futterman, NRWA).

Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded Peter McMurray	Vote: PM/DM – Yes JC - Abstain
7) Motion to approve and sign on	CDBG FY10 Grant Agreement, Case #2 ((MRPC).
Motion: Joe Casey	Seconded: Dan Meunier	Vote: Unan
7:30 p.m.: Joint Meeting with Fina	nce Committee regarding Special Town M	leeting Warrant

7:30 p.m.: Joint Meeting with Finance Committee regarding Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

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Doug Briggs explained Reserve Fund Transfers. Also explained that he would like to have the manager's work within their budget so as not to have all of the RFTs that they currently have. He would also like to request that all RFTs go to him before going to Selectmen. He is also starting to develop a Capital Plan. He explained what his thoughts for a Capital Plan entailed and how it would be administered.

Finance Committee is concerned about the possibility that if leadership is not here after this is implemented and who would be in charge of following through on this? Question was raised on why more hours are needed for this position and what Assistant does. Assistant is now being used in other departments. Peter McMurray stated that now with DB on board the town can move forward. Lillian Whitney asked how we are paying the Town Administer. PM stated that Ashburnham is paying him and we pay a set fee to Ashburnham for his services which go into a Capital Plan for Ashburnham. Doug Briggs explained how line items work. Question about Article 1 and how much time is really needed for the position and do we need the Assistanant. This will all be under review in the future.

Representative Bastian stopped into BOS Meeting. PM asked about when the Supplemental Budget with be finalized. Feels it will pass by the end of October and hopefully money will be allotted to Town by beginning of November. Also is going to hold meetings for the public to attend for questions and concerns.

Selectmen Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

8) Motion to Place Articles #1,2,3,4,5 and 7 of the STM Draft of 9/28/11 on the warrant.

	Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan
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Employment Laws have changed according to DB. Explained how Unemployment now works in regards to Town having to pay for previous or part-time or on-call employees.

9) Motion to Place Article #2 of STM Draft of 09/28/11 on the warrant.

Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan
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DB met with Veterans' Agent. We are getting many more Veteran's signing up for services this year and this is the reason for the increase in budget. PM asked if we should ask for more money in budget. DB states we can do a RFT and we are reimbursed 75%.

10) Motion to Place Article #3 of STM Warrant Draft of 09/28/11 on the warrant.

Motion: Joe Casey	Seconded: Dan Meunier	Vote: Unan
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DB had meeting with DEP in regards to town water supply. They have requested that we have the water tested. Average cost for this is \$1900. He is asking if we want to do the warrant article or take money out of this budget. PM explained to people in attendance and on TV what has transpired to make this necessary. Council on Aging Director Kathryn Becker asked for Senior luncheons to be served at the Legion. DB has spoken with Dr. Marshall about using a water testing person they have at the school.

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11) Motion to Place Article #4 of STM Warrant Draft of 09/28/11 on the warrant.

Motion: Joe Casey	Seconded: Dan Meunier	Vote: Unan
	ntendent's request for a warrant article to pure ese tires where purchased in advance and wh	
12) Motion to Place Article	#5 of STM Warrant Draft of 09/28/11 on the	e warrant.
Motion: Joe Casey	Seconded: Dan Meunier	Vote: Unan
	to Fort Devens to get rid of Ashby's hazard join this. BOS wish to table this warrant ar	
Explanation as to what othe truck that is already very ol	re raised as to why we need to spend money er uses there are for ladder trucks and why we d. Finance Committee would like a list of al we DB will get list. First 4 Warrant Articles	e want to purchase a used 1 the trucks the town has
13) Motion to Place Article	#7 of STM Warrant Draft of 09/28/11 on the	e warrant.
Motion: Joe Casey	Seconded: Dan Meunier	Vote: Unan
14) Motion to sign warrant	signature page for Special Town Meeting on	October 27, 2011.
Motion: Joe Casey	Seconded: Dan Meunier	Vote: Unan
15) Warrant #W13P approv further review.	e and sign Payroll Warrant in the amount of	\$51,908.65, subject to
Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan
16) Warrant #W14B approv further review.	e and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of	f \$46,103.78, subject to
Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan
17) Warrant #W14B1 appro further review.	ove and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of	of \$111,869.08, subject to
Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan
18) Warrant #W14B2 appro further review.	ove and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount o	of \$34,497.65, subject to
Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan

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19) Warrant #W14B3 approve and sign Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$23,000.00, subject to further review.

Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan	
• • •	Department: The expense incurred because by because by because were unable to fix it. Alarm Compared by the second		
20) Motion to approve and sign on I \$249.00 to Police Expense Acco	Reserve Fund Transfer Request #12-07 in thun the second seco	he amount of	
Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan	
21) Motion to approve and sign on Reserve Fund Transfer Request #12-08 in the amount of \$126.00 to the Planning Board Expense Account.			
Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan	
Regarding RFT Request for Hwy Dept.: Several questions and comments were brought up about why this overtime was allowed and why tires have already been purchased before the Article on the Special Town Meeting has been voted on.			
22) Motion to approve and sign on Reserve Fund Transfer Request #12-09 in the amount of \$110.26 to the Highway Overtime Expense Account.			
Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan	
23) Motion to award the FY2012 Highway Road Materials Bids per Hwy Superintendent's recommendations and Doug Briggs.			
Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan	
Selectmen to Discuss Proposed Old meeting and will put on agenda for O	Engine House Lease Changes: PM tabled of October 12 th .	discussion for this	
Public Comments: Republican Tow Hall in the Finance Meeting Room a	yn Committee will meet Thursday Sept. 29 ⁰ t Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.	^h at the Town	
24) Motion to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.			
Motion: Dan Meunier	Seconded: Joe Casey	Vote: Unan	
Signed by:			

Date Minutes Approved by Board of Selectmen: