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*Minutes  
Board of Selectmen  
Monday, December 19, 2011*

Selectmen Tad Putney, Clarence Farwell, Jack Flanagan, Darrell Philpot and Karl Dowling were present.

Also present were Ann Somers, Loring Webster, Helen Ballou and Hattie Bernstein.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Non Public Session**

*Tad moved, seconded by Jack to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 2, I (a) Collective Bargaining. Voted yes 5-0.*

On returning to public session *Tad moved, seconded by Clarence to seal the minutes. Voted yes 5-0.*

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*Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the minutes of December 12<sup>th</sup>. Voted yes 5-0.*

**Warrant**

The selectmen approved Warrant # 72 in the amount of \$78,923.87.

**Worker's Comp Poster**

*Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to authorize Tad to sign the Worker's Comp poster. Voted yes 5-0.*

**Health Insurance**

*Clarence moved, seconded by Darrell to authorize Tad to sign the documents for the 2012 health insurance. Voted yes 5-0.*

**Bond Engagement Letter**

We received an engagement letter from Devine Millimet for bond counsel services for a proposed bond issue for a police facility. **Rena** checked on a past engagement letter and it was signed after the warrant article was passed at town meeting. The selectmen will wait to see if the addition to the safety complex is approved at town meeting.

**Transparency Committee**

**Lynne Abt** sent an email to department heads with an explanation of their previous request for information.

**Ambulance Expendable Trust Fund**

*Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the expenditure of \$755.40 from the Ambulance Expendable Trust Fund for ambulance attendant polo shirts and ball caps. Voted yes 5-0.*

**Vacation Hours**

*Clarence moved, seconded by Darrell to approve the vacation carry over to 2012 for Valerie Maurer, Wes Whittier, Rena Duncklee, Patti Howard-Barnett, Scott Todisco, Scott Knowles, Maurice Marshall, Don Gagnon and Lester Davis. Voted yes 5-0.*

**Surveillance Videos**

**Tad** noted that the selectmen received a response from Chief Quigley on surveillance videos available to the public. **Tad** read Chief Quigley's response. Chief Quigley contacted 9 area police departments. All agencies felt there was a huge liability if footage was released containing and/or potentially identifying: Victims of sexual abuse; Victims of domestic violence; Juveniles; Confidential informants or other information or individuals protected under RSA 91-A. **Darrell** said he felt we need a policy and separate non public procedures. It was agreed **Tad** would ask the Chief to review the policy for potential changes.

**Shank Letter**

**Tad** said he received a call on Friday from Hattie Bernstein of the Nashua Telegraph asking for a comment on a letter from Nicole Shank. **Tad** told Hattie he knew nothing about a letter. **Tad** said the letter was received today through the mail. **Tad** asked whether the letter from Shank should be public. **Darrell** said it should be public. **Jack** disagreed as we're limited to what actions we can take. **Darrell** said there's nothing we can do until we hear from the Attorney General's office. **Tad** said he talked to Sandy Matheson this morning. She said they are working on it but there's only one person in the state dealing with these issues. **Tad** and **Jack** said we've turned it over to the appropriate authority to investigate. **Tad** said we need to respond to her in some form within 5 business days and our next meeting is January 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Karl** suggested a non public session at the end of the meeting.

**Hollis/Brookline Rotary**

**Darrell** said the Hollis/Brookline Rotary agreed to contribute \$500 each to Hollis and Brookline for solar power. **Jack** suggested the transfer station. **Clarence** suggested the police parking lot. **Darrell** will bring the suggestions to the Rotary.

**FEMA**

**Clarence** said he attended the meeting last week and we will get some money for the October 29<sup>th</sup> snow storm.

**Warrant Articles**

Discussed proposed warrant articles;

- 1. \$1,390,000** bond issue for completion of the safety complex. **Tad** said going to a 25 year bond would increase the bond interest rate approximately 1/2 %. It was also discussed for a lesser term of 3-5 years. **Tad** will contact the facilities and finance committees for their opinion.
- 2. Mobile Data Terminals** – We still don't have figures.

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- 3. Darrell** said he wants to divert 100% of the land use change tax money back to the general fund. He said it would offset a good portion of the cost of the police facility. **Karl and Clarence** agreed.
- 4. \$10,000** to extend the option to purchase the Monius (H-42) property for one to two years at \$10,000 per year.
- 5. Town Administrator – Tad, Karl and Darrell** agreed it should be put on the warrant.
- 6. \$60,000** for road/bridge improvements.
- 7.** The amount of donations for ambulance service received this year to deposit into the Ambulance Service Expendable Trust Fund.

### **Proposed Budgets**

**Police Dept. – Darrell** said we can pull out the 5% effective salary increase for officers as it is expected at this time we will continue to effectively pay them on a salaried basis or approximately \$15,200 from the police budget.

**Karl** said Chris Adams mentioned to him about purchasing the Mobile Data Terminals if money is left over in this year's budget. **Clarence** disagreed. **Tad** said he would talk to Chief Quigley about them. Tad said he received a call from Jerry Farwell. Jerry said he would have about \$40,000 left in his budget this year and perhaps \$18,000 could be used to purchase a second message trailer. He said Donna was working on a grant. Tad said it collects data as well as checks speed. It would also be used for messages during power outages. **Karl** questioned whether there's a need for another trailer with the number of cell phones around. **Darrell, Karl and Jack** said they were against a second trailer.

### **Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectmen's Meeting**

**Tad** said he wouldn't be at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectmen's Meeting. *Jack moved, seconded by Karl to appoint Clarence as Vice Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Voted yes 4-1; Clarence abstained.*

### **Non Public Session**

*Tad moved, seconded by Clarence to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, (c) reputation. Voted yes 5-0.*

On returning to public session *Tad moved, seconded by Jack to seal the minutes. Voted yes 5-0.*

### **Gen. Business**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

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Tad Putney

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Clarence L. Farwell

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Jack B. Flanagan

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Darrell Philpot

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Karl D. Dowling