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*Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, November 21, 2011*

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

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the public session minutes of November 14th. Voted yes 5-0.

Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to approve the 5 non public session minutes of November 14th. Voted yes 5-0.

Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to approve the minutes of the November 18th meeting. Voted yes 3-0; Karl and Darrell abstained.

Warrant

The selectmen signed Warrant #64 in the amount of \$31,435.31.

Police

Chief Quigley sent an email that Jason Bouchrouche graduated from the 260th class of the NH Police Standards and training Part Time Police Academy last Friday. Jason finished with the highest score on the final exam. *Jack moved, seconded by Karl to send a letter of congratulations to Jason. Voted yes 5-0.*

DOT – TE Grant

Tad said we have received the Municipal Agreement for the Transportation Enhancement Grant to build sidewalks along Route 130 from Austin Road to the safety complex and Main Street where the existing sidewalks ends to So. Main Street. The engineering will be done in 2012 and actual construction in 2013. The 20% town portion was raised last year. *Jack moved, seconded by Karl to authorize Tad to sign the municipal agreement for the Transportation Enhancement Grant. Voted yes 5-0.*

Road Bonds

Hutchinson Hill Rd – On the recommendation of the planning board and town engineer, *Darrell moved, seconded by Clarence to require the renewal of the Construction Bond at the same amount of \$51,000. Voted yes 5-0. The replacement letter of credit needs to be in place 2 weeks prior to the*

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expiration of the present bond. Voted yes 5-0. Tad said he talked to LGC about self calling letters of credit. They were popular in the 1980's but it needs to be checked on whether they're still being issued.

Ames Rd – Phase I – On the recommendation of the planning board and town engineer, ***Jack moved, seconded by Darrell to require the Maintenance Bond at the reduced amount of \$45,900. Voted yes 5-0. The replacement letter of credit needs to be in place 2 weeks prior to the expiration of the present bond.***

Ames Rd – Phase II – On the recommendation of the planning board and town engineer, ***Jack moved, seconded by Darrell to require the Construct Bond at the reduced amount of \$22,450. The replacement letter of credit needs to be in place 2 weeks prior to the expiration of the present bond.***

Conservation Commission

Jay Chrystal had a power point presentation on their Strategic Land Acquisition Plan. He said there are 12,205 acres in town. When the CC adopted the plan, the goal was 25% of the land as conservation land. The 25% was a recommendation of a statewide study conducted approximately 10 years ago. Jay said they now have 15.5% or 1,896 acres. 705 acres is conserved by Beaverbrook Association, Nissitissit River Land Trust and Cohen Foundation, which brings the total to 21.3%. Jay said they are 450 acres from their goal. He said they have the following:

Bartell/Palmer – 426 acres; Whitcomb/Bross – 294 acres;
Hobart/Fessenden – 353 acres; Melendy/Morrill – 472 acres;
Open Space – 267 acres; Miscellaneous Tracts – 84 acres.

2012 Proposed Budgets

Tad asked if the Board wanted to put an overall target increase for next year's budget. **Darrell** said yes, a 0% net increase for town wide (including school related) taxes. **Karl** agreed. The selectmen agreed, along with Chris Adams to ask the police, fire, road agent, sanitation and library to come back on December 5th for further budget discussions.

Non Public Session

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

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

Gen. Business

Approved warrants for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Dunklee.

Tad Putney

Clarence L. Farwell

Jack B. Flanagan

Darrell Philpot

Karl D. Dowling