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*Minutes  
Board of Selectmen  
Monday, October 17, 2011*

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

Also present were Dennie Townsend, Hattie Bernstein and Helen Ballou.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

*Karl moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the public session minutes of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Voted yes 3-0; Jack abstained.*

*Clarence moved, seconded by Karl to approve the 4 sets of non public session minutes of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Voted yes 3-0; Jack abstained.*

**Warrants**

The Selectmen approved Warrant # 56 in the amount of \$22,976.72 and payroll in the amount of \$42,002.64.

**Town Administrator**

**Jack** said he would call the Hollis selectmen tomorrow about getting together to talk about their experience in hiring a town administrator. **Tad** said he contacted the LGC and Canterbury recently hired a town administrator. He suggested that he and Karl talk to the Canterbury selectmen. Karl agreed.

**Insurance Claim**

**Tad** reported we received a claim from Arbella Insurance for a woman who drove off the pavement on Oak Hill Road and hit a tree stump. They are asking to be reimbursed \$2,542.40. **Jack** said the town isn't liable for the damages. The selectmen agreed to send a letter to the insurance company and notify LGC.

**Signs on Triangle**

An email was received from Linda Saari expressing concern for the signs in the triangle in front of the town hall. She said it detracts from the plantings put in by the garden club. She made several suggestions:

1. Remove all signs for businesses that are no longer in business and place the remaining small signs on the street signpost after checking with the businesses. (This is good for directions-Parkers, etc.)

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2. Remove all temporary signs that have appeared – (if we allow this practice of placing signs without permission – what's to say that all businesses in Brookline put a sign there – there will be no room for anything else.)
3. Require permission for use of the triangle for any sign event – I know the rotary asks permission (golf tournament) – shouldn't the High School also ask permission for advertising of games – otherwise post on private property (there are many Cavaliers in town as evidenced by the signs)
4. Be sure all signs do not block the view for people going from Milford St. to Bond or Meetinghouse Hill – the golf tournament sign was large and blocked the view – an accident waiting to happen. (This is the case every year.) **Clarence** said he would like to look at it and discuss it again next Monday. The selectmen agreed. **Tad** said when they had the meeting with the DOT at the intersection of Cross Road and Route 130 the DOT suggested all signs at that intersection be removed.

### **Town Hall Building**

**Brendan Denehy** sent notes taken based on a walk through the Daniels Academy Building in July regarding handicapped signage and accessibility. (Copy attached) **Jack** will check with LGC on the ADA requirements. This will be discussed again next Monday.

### **2012 Proposed Budgets**

**Health Agencies** – **Ann Webb** presented a proposed budget of **\$21,265**.

**Public Welfare** – **Ann Webb** presented a proposed budget of **\$25,950**.

**Revaluation of Property** – **Peter Cook** presented a proposed budget of **\$33,666**.

**Highways, Streets & Bridges** – **Jerry Farwell's** proposed budget was increased by \$2,000 for sidewalks for a total of **\$625,650**. Jerry wants a warrant article in the amount of **\$60,000** to start rebuilding Hood Road. It will take 5-7 years to complete that road. **Chris** questioned whether the selectmen are considering a town administrator and if that person could administer the highway department if needed. **Tad** they are looking into other towns that have a town administrator. The selectmen agreed a town administrator wouldn't administer a highway department. **Betty** asked for a copy of the Public Works Study Committee Report done in 2007. **Rena** will email the report to the finance committee.

**Patriotic Purposes** – The proposed budget is **\$5,650**.

### **PSNH**

**Tad** reported that PSNH will be here November 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss how to deal with ice storms.

### **Monius Property**

**Tad** asked if the selectmen wanted to have a site walk of the Monius property. **Clarence** said he would see the Monius' tomorrow.

### **Non Public Session**

**Tad moved, seconded by Clarence to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II, (c) reputation and (e) pending litigation. Voted yes 4-0.**

On returning to public session **Tad** moved, seconded by Clarence to seal the minutes. Voted yes 4-0.

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**Gen. Business**

Approved warrants for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 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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Karl D. Dowling