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*Minutes  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, February 19, 2013*

Selectmen Clarence Farwell, Darrell Philpot, Jack Flanagan and John Carr were present along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

Present were Brian Rater, Brendan Denehy, Ann Somers, Gale Taylor, Donna Marsh, Sue Adams and Steve Hamilton

**Automated External Defibrillator**

**Ann Somers** said she noticed the AED in the hallway. **Tad** said it was donated by the Karate Club and Wes Whittier trained the town hall staff on its use last week.

**Safety Complex – Police Dept.**

**Ann** said the police addition is on schedule and they have started the interior painting. **John** said they will probably be finished the first week of April.

**Jack moved, seconded by Darrell to authorize Clarence to sign a grant for 50% reimbursement for 2 surveillance cameras. Voted yes 4-0.**

**Warrants**

The Selectmen signed Warrant # 8 in the amount of \$129,748.94 and payroll in the amount of \$43,164.12.

**Channel 13**

The Selectmen signed the Agreement for Consulting Services to assist the town in acquiring necessary commercial software and hardware for local access broadcasting and recording at the Town Hall and CSDA. The Selectmen signed the License Agreement with Pepperell Community Media Inc to provide the software, files and hardware to enable the town's local access channel to record and rebroadcast public meetings as well as broadcast other public interest content.

**Mason Ambulance Contract**

**Tad** noted that Mason signed the ambulance contract at an increase of 30% over last year.

**MS-6 & Budget**

The Selectmen signed the warrant and MS-6 (budget) to be posted tomorrow at CSDA. **Tad** noted that he added a warrant article to have the Selectmen appoint members of the Recreation Commission, as required by RSA 35-B: 4, rather than have the members elected at town meeting.

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#### **Petition**

**Betty Hall** was present with a petition for the Warrant to establish an Electronic Ballot Counting Study Committee to study, report and propose an ordinance for the 2014 town meeting. Said ordinance is to provide a process for verification and oversight of counting the votes at elections held when using electronic counting devices which conceal their memory devices and programs from public view and access. Betty said she has asked for a parallel hand count vote of a race for the past two years. She said the tests conducted with the Accuvote machine are inconclusive. Some of Betty's counters; Steve Hamilton and Marykay Macfarlane were present. They said counting was a simple process but they don't know how the machine is reading the votes. Betty said the 2010 hand count was off by 4 votes and 2011 was off by 10 votes. **Clarence** asked how many towns in NH use the machines. She said about 70% of the NH towns use machines and 30% hand count. *Jack moved, seconded by John to accept the petition and place it on the warrant for town meeting. Vote was 2-2; motion was defeated.*

#### **Economic Development Committee**

**Tad** reviewed the current action items from the Committee (attached). Tad said the roundtable held in October was attended by 28 businesses. Their goal is to support businesses that are here and determine what we would like for the future of Brookline.

#### **Police**

##### **Cruisers**

*Darrell moved, seconded by Jack to authorize Clarence to sign the application for leasing 2 cruisers pending approval at town meeting. Voted yes 4-0.*

#### **Audit**

*Jack moved, seconded by Darrell to have Clarence complete and sign the form from Plodzik & Sanderson. Voted yes 4-0.*

#### **July Fireworks**

**Clarence** said we could save money if we held the fireworks on July 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed to have the fireworks on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Non Public Session**

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

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

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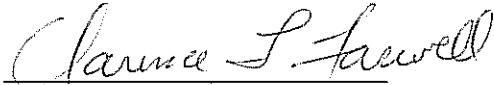
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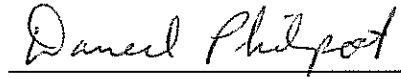
**Gen. Business**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

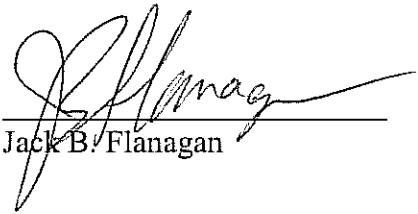
Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.



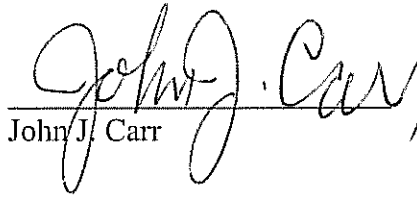
Clarence L. Farwell



Darrell Philpot



Jack B. Flanagan



John J. Carr