



TOWN OF
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SELECTBOARD

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*Minutes
Selectboard
Monday, November 4, 2013*

Selectboard members Darrell Philpot, John Carr, Susan Adams and Brendan Denehy were present along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

Also present were Clarence Farwell, Dave Fessenden, Keith Thompson, Helen Ballou, Ann Somers, Loring Webster, Bobbie Canada, Marcia Farwell and Phil Winter.

Darrell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Brendan moved, seconded by John to approve the public session minutes of October 28th. Voted yes 3-0; Darrell abstained.

Sue moved, seconded by Brendan to approve the two sets of non public session minutes of October 28th. Voted yes 3-0; Darrell abstained.

October Disbursements

The Selectboard reviewed the disbursements through October. **Tad** said he hopes to purchase some computers if there is money left over at the end of the year. He said the CSDA library was wired last week to televise school board meetings.

IT Bids

Tad said he received four bids for IT services. It was agreed that Tad and Brian Rater will review the bids.

Iron Works Lane

The Selectboard signed the Intermunicipal Agreement between the towns of Hollis and Brookline for the seasonal maintenance of Iron Works Lane. The term of the Agreement is three years at \$1,000 annually.

Fire Dept.

Fire Chief **Charlie Corey** was present to say the fire department wants to put a memorial on the side of the fire station by the ramp. They want to have a 4' walkway with a flag in the center and a monument and bench. Charlie said it probably wouldn't be done until next spring. He said there would be no tax impact. **Darrell** asked for a sketch.

Charlie said the fire department would like to put in a water tank to fill the trucks. **Tad** will check into it.

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Boston Post Cane

Phil Winter was present as the newest recipient of the Boston Post Cane. **Dave Fessenden** gave a brief history of the Boston Post Cane which began in 1909. **Marcia Farwell** read a brief description of Phil's life. He moved to Brookline in 1972. Phil turned 97 years old yesterday and was one of the original ambulance volunteers. **Dave** pinned the Boston Post Cane pin on Phil's collar. There was a round of applause for Phil.

2014 Proposed Budgets

Ambulance – **Wes Whittier** submitted a proposed budget of \$160,973. He said as of January he will have one full time paramedic and 7 volunteer paramedics. **Wes** said he will have a warrant article for donations received this year to be put into the Ambulance Expendable Trust Fund.

Emergency Management – **Wes** submitted a proposed budget of \$18,618.

Library – Library Trustees **Ed Cook, John Lindgren, Louise Price, Stephen Russo, Helen Ballou** and Director **Myra Emmons** were present. **Ed** presented a proposed budget of \$225,286

Personnel Administration – **Tad** presented a proposed budget of \$505,266.

Workforce Housing Survey

The Selectboard received a survey asking for a Position Statement regarding Workforce Housing laws.

John said he was previously involved in workforce housing in another state and feels it would ruin the character of the town. **Brendan** said it would allow people who can't afford to live in town to be able to stay here. The Board will review the survey and have a further discussion at another meeting.

Tax Rate

A discussion ensued on the amount of Unassigned Fund Balance to retain. The DRA recommends between 5 and 7%. Using that figure, the amount used to reduce taxes would be \$360,490. **Brendan moved, seconded by Sue to use 4.5% and authorize Darrell to sign the paperwork. Voted yes 4-0.**

Non Public Session

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

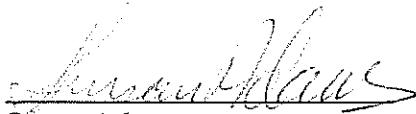
On returning to public session, **Darrell moved, seconded by John to seal the minutes. Voted yes 4-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

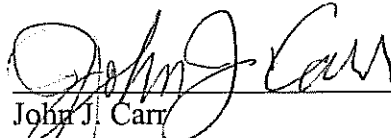
Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.



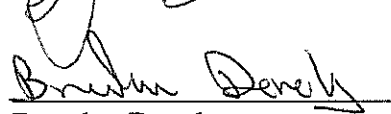
Darrell Philpot



Susan Adams



John J. Carr



Brendan Denegy