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**Town of Windham
Select Board Meeting
January 21, 2013**

Attending: Mary Boyer, select board chairwoman

Margaret Dwyer, selectman

Frank Seawright, selectman

Mary McCoy, interim select board secretary

Jerry Dyke, town resident

Nancy Dyke, town resident

Peter Chamberlain, town resident

Call to Order: The regular Selectman's Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Mary Boyer at 6:35 PM with all members of the board present.

Public Comment: Nancy Dyke stated her concern that Vermont statutes were not followed after Carol Merritt's resignation. Mary B. assured her that they were.

Approval of Minutes:

- The board reviewed the minutes from November 27, 2012. Mary B. moved to approve the minutes. Margaret seconded. All approved.
- The board reviewed the minutes from the special meeting held in the AM on December 3, 2012. Frank moved to approve the minutes with changes and to attach Carol Merritt's handwritten notes. Margaret seconded. All approved.
- The board reviewed the minutes from regular meeting held December 3, 2012. Mary B. moved to approve the minutes with edits and additions. Margaret seconded. All approved.
- The board reviewed the minutes from December 17, 2012. Margaret moved to approve the minutes. Frank seconded. All approved.
- The board reviewed the minutes from December 18, 2012. Margaret moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mary B. seconded. All approved.
- The board reviewed the minutes from January 14, 2013. Margaret moved to approve the minutes as amended. Frank seconded. All approved.

4. **Budget Preparations:** The board reviewed the budget for All Roads. This needs further

refinement and will be continued at the next meeting on January 28. Mary will discuss with Rodney the possibility of grinding the pavement to gravel on White Road, and she will ask him to review the All Roads budget when it is complete. The board also needs to talk with the road crew regarding their Health Savings Accounts. The board asked Mary M. to contact Tonya Chambers regarding the cost of the road crew's health insurance.

Frank projected other parts of the budget onto a screen from his laptop, and the board continued to prepare the total budget.

5. Legal Representation: Bob Fisher hasn't responded to recent phone calls. Margaret will send him copies of letters on current issues and verify that he is available to continue serving Windham.

6. Fire Company: Michael McLaine notified the board that he hadn't had time to do the research on other town's fire companies. Our company appears to be using for operating expenses part of the \$20,000 the town gives them each year to accumulate for the purchase of a new tanker. Our fire company seems to not be reporting our fires incidents, which is required by law. The board agreed to cut this year's funding for the fire company to \$10,000. Frank will compose a letter/email to let them know.

7. Meadowsend: A letter was received from Meadowsend requesting a date before town meeting to meet with the Select Board and Planning Commission and saying the meeting would be to our benefit. The board suggested some time during the week of February 11. February 14 is Planning Commission meeting time.

8. Purchase Orders: Orders were signed.

9. Articles Needed for the Annual Report: Articles for a vote are still needed from the listers and two from the school board (one for the elementary school and one for L&GUHS). A moderator needs to be elected separately for the town and for the school.

10. Received: The Annual Property Valuation and Review.

11. FEMA: The board will be with representatives of VTrans on the following morning, Tuesday, February 22 to work on the report and request to FEMA.

12. Clerk's Salary: After the board went into executive session to discuss the salary for Interim Town Clerk Mary McCoy, the board acknowledged that the town must pay Mary M. just as they paid Carol Merritt. She will receive a monthly salary plus recording fees.

13. Adjournment: Frank moved to adjourn the meeting, Margaret seconded, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 PM.

Date minutes were approved: _____

As amended January 29, 2013 Recorded by Mary McCoy, interim town clerk

NOTES:

- Ernie needs to change the categories for the All Roads Budget to have Gravel, Sand, and

Salt as in last year's budget. Also, he needs to bring to the Total column figures for Supplies and Paving. The category for Road Side Mowing needs to be removed.

- Ask Ernie if he talked to Dave Crittenden regarding the town's payment to the Church.
- The auditors need a copy of the Fire Company report.