

**TOWN OF WEBSTER**  
**Office of Selectmen**  
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127  
Webster, NH 03303

Webster Board of Selectmen's Meeting – April 5, 2010

7:00 P.M. Present: Chairman David Klumb; Selectman George Hashem and Selectman George Cummings.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the minutes of March 22, 2010 as written; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved;
- Appointment sheet of Michele St. Jacques as Deputy Tax Collector;
- Approved a Veteran's Tax Credit Application;
- The Chairman signed paperwork for Town Counsel; and
- The Board signed the "Withdrawal and Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release of Claims" from the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative.

The Board discussed a request from Michele St. Jacques, on behalf of the local Sports Committee, to be allowed to put a chain link fence along the roadside area of the soccer field as a barrier and to hopefully be able to take advantage of the Correctional Facility Inmate Workforce. This property belongs to the Town. In the past the Fire Department has maintained a skating rink at the soccer field, which Chief Colin Colby indicating that any fence would not hinder their ability to continue that practice. The Board requested that she bring in a plan for review.

In response to a letter received from Ronald Finlayson, Jr, for a review of his property assessment, the Board agreed to turn the letter over to Cross Country for review.

The Board agreed to contract with Mainstay Technology on a monthly fee basis for IT services as was proposed during the budget process.

The Board signed the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- An Intent to Excavate for Richard Cummings – Map 9-23-4;
- The MS-2 which is the Report of Appropriations Actually Voted;
- Two Timber Tax Warrants; and
- A sick leave slip for Mrs. Pinkham.

Mrs. Pinkham advised that two people need to attend one of the workshops offered in Concord, either on April 9<sup>th</sup> or April 14<sup>th</sup>, regarding FEMA reimbursement for the "February Wind and Rain Storm". Mrs. Pinkham volunteered to attend and will find someone to accompany her.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis submitted the semi-monthly report. He presented a request by Lieutenant Mitchell for vacation leave for the Board's signature.

He presented the following Purchase Orders for the Board's signature:

- #6 as revised for the Police Department to Neptune Uniforms for uniforms in the revised amount of \$526.90;
- #8 for the Public Safety Building to Full Time Cleaning to clean the carpets, floors, windows, etc. in the amount of \$1,328.50;
- #9 for the Police Department to Ossipee Mountain Electronics for labor/equipment to outfit the new cruiser in an amount not to exceed \$5,000; Chief Dupuis noted that funds would come from the Pistol Permit Fees collected to cover the siren, switch control and the lettering of the new cruiser;
- #10 for the Police Department to Goodyear Auto Service Center for 12 tires (summer and winter) for the cruisers in the amount of \$930.36; and
- #11 for the Police Department to Ossipee Mountain Electronics, Inc. for the siren/switch light control for the new cruiser in the amount of \$571.20.

Chief Dupuis reported the following recent activities:

- Two in-custody arrests;
- Six criminal complaints under investigation; and
- 38 motor vehicle stops.

Chief Dupuis advised that the Department is enforcing the bicycle helmet law for those under the age of 18. He advised that a Highway Safety Committee needs to be in place before he could apply for any grants requesting such things as free helmets. Selectman Hashem made a motion that the following be appointed to the Highway Safety Committee – Police Chief Robert Dupuis, Fire Chief Colin Colby and community member Jaye Bowe; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

Chief Dupuis inquired as to what the procedure was to accept a gift of a value under \$500. He was advised that it needed to be on the Board's agenda and approved by the Board at a regular meeting. This will be on the next agenda.

Chief Dupuis requested that the Board review the "Work Hour Policy for the Police Department"; suggesting that some of its regulatory properties might belong under the Chief's authority.

Fire Chief Colin Colby advised that some of the Department members went to Wilmot for the annual Fire Warden and Fire Deputy training. When asked when the fire towers would be manned, it was reported that they have been manned since last week. However, Chief Colby noted that there were nine vacant positions for Fire Wardens throughout the State because of budget cuts.

Road Agent Emmett Bean spoke to Unitil again this morning regarding some trees near pole 82 on White Plains Road as several complaints have been received. Hopefully within two weeks Unitil will be able to get the special line crews needed to remove the trees. He has also been working on pot holes on Dustin Road and has screened 250 yards of sand in preparation for shimming the roads as was voted this year. He advised that he would probably remove the Weight Limit signs from the roads early next week weather permitting. He has begun the process of grading the roads even though the roads are a bit soft.

Treasurer Mary Welch advised that the bank statement would be in by the end of the week.

Tom Mullins advised that Hopkinton is in the process of forming a committee to implement the "Pay as You Throw" program as adopted at their annual Town Meeting this year. Hopkinton is asking for a representative from Webster. It is uncertain as to how the funds are to be used and how Webster would fair in the end. Mr. Mullins expressed concern as Hopkinton is proposing to not have hauler George Dockham pay for dumping, noting that the money that Mr. Dockham would pay would then not be going in the landfill profits towards operation, which would affect the revenues. He also indicated that it would appear that the payment collected on the bags may not cover expenses, giving examples of the tipping fee expenses. Mr. Mullins felt that the simplest way to deal with the issue of Hopkinton excusing Mr. Dockham for paying would be for Hopkinton to make the joint venture of the landfill with Webster whole regarding those funds not collected or just not excuse anyone from paying the fee. He also was concerned that Hopkinton is proposing to open offers or bids received by Steve Clough from haulers as to where to send the refuse and that they are considering awarding the contract without input from Webster. He felt that the Board should be involved with the decision, reminding the Board that he had prepared the handout for the Town Meeting advising folks what was to happen regarding the trash disposal and would hesitate to deviate much from what they were told. Selectman Hashem inquired as to whether Mrs. Jones should contact Town Administrator Neal Cass. Mr. Mullins advised that Mr. Cass should be e-mailing or keeping in touch with the office.

The Board discussed the appointed officials whose terms expired on 3/31/2010 as well as any vacancies that need to be filled. Selectman Cummings had prepared recommendations for the Planning Board for the Board's consideration and explained his rationale for the recommendations made.

- Selectman Hashem made a motion to appoint the following to the Agricultural Commission; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved:

Susan Roman – Member	2013
Kim Fortune – Alternate	2013
Leah Fallon – Alternate	2013

- Selectman Hashem made a motion to appoint the following to the Conservation Commission; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved:

Susan Roman – Member	2013
MaryJo MacGowan – Member	2013
Nancy Clark – Alternate	2013
Nancy Van Loan – Alternate	2011

- Selectman Hashem made a motion to appoint the following to the Joint Loss Management Committee; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved:
 

Philip Mitchell – Member	2011
Colin Colby – Member	2011
Marjorie Blanchette – Member	2011
Judith Jones – Member	2011
- Selectman Hashem made a motion to appoint the following to the Parks Committee; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved:
 

Glen Blanchette – Member	2013
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- Selectman Hashem made a motion to appoint the following to the Sanitary Landfill Committee; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved:
 

Tom Mullins – Member	2012
Robert Drown, Sr. – Member	2013
- Selectman Hashem made a motion to appoint the following to the Planning Board; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved:
 

Clifford Broker – Member	2013
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- Selectman Hashem made a motion to appoint the following to the Planning Board; seconded by Chairman Klumb:
 

Thomas Mullins – Member.	
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Selectman Cummings asked for discussion and wanted to be on record as dissenting, citing his rationale. He then recommended either Alternate Richard Cummings or Alternate Sue Roman for the full-time Planning Board position to fill the vacancy of Alan Hofmann citing some of their individual qualifications. Planning Board Member Sue Roman commented that she would urge that the Selectmen move up those members who have served as alternates in the order they have served, thereby recognizing those members that have worked hard. Selectman Cummings noted that in the past the Selectmen have asked the Chairman of the various boards for recommendations prior to making the appointments. Planning Board Member Jere Buckley echoed Ms. Roman's sentiment and questioned whether the Chairman of the Planning Board had made any recommendations, which he had not. He also advised that at an earlier PB meeting it was voted in favor of moving up alternate members. Selectman Hashem agreed that it was nice to move up alternates, but added that he would like to see some balance on the Boards, hence his recommendation of Mr. Mullins. Mr. Bean inquired as to whether Mr. Mullins had previously been an alternate on this board, which he had, but had stepped down when elected as a Selectman. Normandie Blake wondered why folks would serve as an alternate if not in the hopes of moving up, noting that other towns moved up the alternates. Ellen Cilley asked Selectman Hashem to explain what he meant by balance. He advised that it was always good to have a different and fresh point of view. Barbara Corliss indicated that, in her experience, a good balance gave a voice to all the citizens, not just a special interest group. Selectman Cummings acknowledged that the Board has the power to make appointments but recommended that the Board exercise caution.

- Selectman Hashem again made a motion to appoint the following to the Planning Board; seconded by Chairman Klumb. Selectman Cummings opposed.
 

Thomas Mullins – Member	2012
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- Selectman Hashem made a motion to appoint the following to the Planning Board; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved:
 

Susan Roman – Alternate 3	2013
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- Selectman Cummings made a motion to appoint the following to the Planning Board; seconded by Chairman Klumb. Selectman Hashem opposed.
 

Thomas Godfrey – Alternate 4	2011
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- Selectman Hashem made a motion to appoint the following to the Planning Board; seconded by Chairman Klumb and approved.
 

Mason Donovan – Alternate 5	2013
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- Selectman Cummings made a motion to appoint the following to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved:
 

Robert Drown, Jr. – Member	2013
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- Selectman Hashem made a motion to appoint the following to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved:

Barbara Corliss – Member	2011
Shawn Smith – Alternate 1	2011
Jaye Bowe – Alternate 2	2013
Martin Bourque – Alternate 3	2012
Normandie Blake – Alternate 4	2011
Guy Larochelle – Alternate 5	2013

Mr. Mullins reminded the Board that a representative is needed to represent Webster in a non-voting member position for the “Pay as You Throw” committee. Selectman Hashem nominated Mr. Mullins to serve in this capacity, seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

Paperwork from the State for the Health Officer position, which expires May 30th, will be forwarded to Dr. P. Nicholas Van Loan, as will the paperwork for the Deputy Health Officer, which is appointed by the Health Officer. Once all the paperwork is completed and signed by the Board it will be forwarded to the State for processing.

The Board discussed the request from Central NH Regional Planning Commission for seven representatives from Webster for the Scenic Byway Commission. Chairman Klumb had concerns regarding the request of a resolution of support and what that could potentially mean to the Town regarding monetary costs in the future. Sue Roman reminded the Board that the project is a vision and has no regulatory force. Selectman Hashem was concerned that the paperwork indicated the necessity for a review of all development and construction along the byway. Ms. Roman indicated that by participating, the Town is not committing to anything, indicating participation on the commission is to keep informed and advise if the Town does want to participate in any of the things being offered. Selectman Hashem was concerned that the one main road through the Town may be regulated by some other source. Ms. Roman recommended that this Board have someone come and discuss the project. Mrs. Jones was requested to invite a representative from the Planning Commission to talk to the Board.

Selectman Cummings spoke with Welfare Director Barbara Chellis regarding an abatement received requesting tax relief. He learned that any public assistance offered would be repaid at 6% interest and a tax deferral would be repaid at 5% interest. Another tax relief available would be the Lower Moderate Income Property Tax Relief, which is not usually a substantial amount. Other alternatives were discussed. Selectman Hashem noted that the Board did not have a standard to follow regarding requests for abatement based on financial hardship. Selectman Cummings offered to check with the applicants regarding their circumstances and bring any additional information back to the Board realizing that the Board has until July 1 to respond.

The Town has had two offers of property to be donated in the Pillsbury Lake District:

Selectman Hashem made a motion to accept the donation of Map 10-4-63 on Franklin Pierce Drive, owned by Allan Hackel; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved; and

Selectman Hashem made a motion to reject the donation of Map 10-1-68 on Deer Meadow Road, owned by James Kelley; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

Mrs. Jones will process a deed for Map 10-4-63 and do the necessary paperwork to abate the taxes.

Mr. Buckley inquired about any action regarding the subject of the Class VI portion of Pond Hill. Potential buyers of the house on the Class VI portion of the road had inquired about maintaining that portion of the road. Selectman Cummings advised that the circumstances have changed regarding the purchase of the property at this time.

9:07 P.M. Selectman Cummings made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Hashem and approved.

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David E. Klumb, Chairman  
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George K. Hashem

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