

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

6:32 pm Selectmen's Meeting – January 21, 2013

Selectmen present: Chairman George Cummings, Selectman Bruce Johnson and Selectman Roy Fanjoy.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the Work Session Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held January 7, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved.
- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the Regular Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held January 7, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept non-public minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held January 7, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Special Meeting non-public session #1 held January 14, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved. These minutes are temporarily sealed.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Special Meeting non-public session #2 held January 14, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved. These minutes are temporarily sealed.
- The Board approved the request for vacation from Mrs. Jones for February 25<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> and the following vacation days to include January 25<sup>th</sup>, January 28<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Board signed the December bank reconciliation for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham. The Board also signed Purchase Order #1 for the Highway Department to Jordan Equipment for cutting edges in the amount of \$2,301.49.

Police Chief Dupuis advised the Board of the following:

- There were 45 calls for service in the last two weeks with the highlights read.
- The Board signed a vacation leave slip for Chief Dupuis.
- He received a letter from Highway Safety that explained what they would and would not pay for regarding a grant. He then spoke to them by phone at which time they indicated that if the Town went for a DUI or speed grant and the hours were not used, another request for this grant would be refused. The grant awarded is for 60 hours to be used in 4 hour blocks with some restriction attached.
- Chairman Cummings requested that the Mutual Aid Agreement with Salisbury/Webster be on the agenda. He had heard many times about the wonderful "thing" that Salisbury has going at little cost for police coverage. He noted that they rely heavily on the State Police and after speaking with Don Gross, a consultant, regarding how long this would last and how rationale a plan it was, Mr. Gross' response was not so positive. Chairman Cummings then discussed that the Mutual Aid Agreement in place means that we have to respond as they have a "paper officer", that being the Sheriff's Department, noting that no one was really in charge of any police needs in Salisbury. He said that all the surrounding Towns have the agreement and are required to respond. Chief Dupuis heard from a citizen today and also had a copy of the letter from 2011 that he sent regarding the authority for the Mutual Aid Agreement and the response from the Merrimack County Sheriffs Office. The agreement now in place is between the Town of Webster and Salisbury and The Merrimack County Sheriff's Office. Copies were made for the Board. Chairman Cummings inquired that if there was a call to Salisbury then Webster must respond? Chief Dupuis said that there is a Statute in place now that if a dispatcher calls, whether there is an agreement or not, the town is obligated to respond. He also indicated that there is nothing in the Statute that allows for any billing. Chairman Cummings indicated that perhaps there should be and perhaps our representatives should be contacted as Legislature is in session. He again expressed his displeasure with the State downshifting of costs to the Communities over the past several years. Discussion relative to this issue continued.

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Fire Chief Colin Colby advised the Board of the following:

- He read the summary of fire calls for 2012, which totaled 148 calls.
- There have been four calls so far this year.
- Webster Fire Department entered the third annual Granite State Dairy Promotions “Macaroni and Cheese Cook-off” contest in Concord and finished third out of 35 entries with their lobster, macaroni and cheese dish spear-headed by Fire Department Member Peg Foss. Jake Drown, represented the Young Farmer’s Association, finishing second in the same category with his three cheese and bacon macaroni and cheese.
- The Department has been invited to a Scott Air Pac training in Hopkinton at their training facility on Thursday. He hopes to send two trucks and personnel to participate.
- The Capital Area Training Meeting will be February 4<sup>th</sup> at which time they will pick the mandated semi-annual mutual aid drill date.
- The EMS NH Protocol Orientation Meeting put on by Sue Prentice will be hosted by Salisbury on February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Belltronics took the radio out of the ambulance and advised that it cannot be fixed as Motorola has stopped production of the parts for that radio. This radio is different than the other trucks as it has to have dual heads to communicate directly with the hospital. Chief Colby has a price for a replacement Kenwood digital radio of \$2,934.75 plus \$400 labor under the WNWSCA contract, which gives the Town a discount. He will also get a price from Ossipee Mountain for a new Motorola. Currently the Department has one on loan.
- Due to the negativity towards gun sales, the Firemen’s Relief Association is leaning towards doing a calendar as a fund raiser this year and requested Board approval to feature Webster Fire Apparatus in the pictures, to which the Board agreed.

Chief Dupuis reminded Chief Colby that they are invited to attend a meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> at the MVDHS re: security issues. When Chairman Cummings inquired about funds, Chief Dupuis advised that Fred Reagan told him that they have \$100,000 plus in a capital reserve account for this purpose.

Selectman Johnson led the discussion with the Supervisors of the Checklist Dot Proulx, Barbara Corliss and Ellen Kontinos-Cilley and Town Clerk Michele Derby. Other election personnel in attendance were Therese Larson and Mrs. Jones, who participate in counting. Selectmen Johnson advised that one of the purposes of this meeting was to seek more personnel to count at the end of the day at all elections. Solutions were discussed with input from those in attendance. Chairman Cummings inquired about the tallying of the Zoning Ordinances on the ballot, which will be clarified before the voting. The following subjects were discussed, as well as possible solutions, with participation from those in attendance: being more prepared for elections; a central sign-up sheet for volunteers to count at the end of the evening; seeking volunteers to count if possible; better process for the counting of any hand votes at the business portion of the Town Meeting; additional; attendance and duties of elections officials; duties of the Supervisors of the Checklist at elections; Moderator’s duties/authority and more involvement; potential cost of electronic voting machines and maintenance; representation of Ballot Clerk’s from each party; age appropriateness of counters that could be as young as 17; inspections by the AG’s Office; photo ID; how ballot clerks are chosen and appointed; capacity of the Town Hall and dining area were checked, the PA system; etc. Moderator Robert Pearson will be requested to attend the February 12<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing.

Road Agent Emmett Bean advised that things had been muddy, but otherwise quiet.

Treasurer Mary Smith advised that everything is fine.

Chief Dupuis will inquire about the speed limit in the school area. Mr. Bean recommended that he talk to Kevin King, who is in charge of all the State sheds in the area, regarding this information and will get Mr. King’s cell phone number to him. There was general discussion on the difficulty that a permanently posted slow speed could cause as well as emergency situations in the area and how best to handle them.

Selectman Johnson reported that there will be two presentations at the next Energy Committee meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. One will be from a solar company that attended their last meeting, and they will be talking about solar panels  
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and costs at the next meeting. Also, Scott Nichols from TARM biomass will present information on a wood pellet system.

Mrs. Jones advised the Board of a parcel of land on Dustin Road shown as Map 7-60, which is in Current Use and taking advantage of the 20% reduction through the recreational adjustment that has now been posted and gated. Posting is not allowed if one has the reduction. Either the signs have to be removed immediately or the reduction has to be removed from the assessment card prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. A letter will be sent to the owner advising them of their options.

Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to withdraw \$9,204.12 from the Webster/Hopkinton Transfer Capital Reserve established in 2008 for this purpose to cover part of Webster's share of the recent paving and construction of a new lunch room; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.

Selectman Johnson inquired about the necessity of the continuation of the "Inventory of Taxable Property". It was explained that without this form there would be no way to track additions, changes, etc. to ones property as we do not have a permit system for improvements, only for the construction of a new home.

Selectman Johnson volunteered to review the RFP samples to begin the process of writing one for our next five-year contract for assessing services.

Selectman Fanjoy inquired about the letter to the County Attorney regarding the return of evidence from a case in 2006. Chief Dupuis will get the pertinent information to Mrs. Jones so that a letter can be written.

The Historical Society requested the use of the Town Hall in May for an all-day "World Fiddler's Day's event, which the Board approved at no cost to them as long as the Town Hall is left in clean condition.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to appoint Therese Larson as an Alternate on the Agricultural Commission until 2013; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved.

8:00 pm Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) regarding personnel issues with Library Trustees Martin Bender and Sandy Starkey; seconded by Selectman Johnson. Roll call: Chairman Cummings – yes; Selectman Johnson – yes; and Selectman Fanjoy – yes. Mrs. Jones was not requested to attend.

8:24 pm Chairman Cummings reconvened the meeting advising that the minutes are not sealed. The Board discussed the Librarian's salary in the upcoming budget.

Chairman Cummings announced that the Public Hearing for the Warrant and Budget is set for February 12, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. They discussed the posting requirements and deadline.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the School and the Town was acknowledged. A copy was given to Mr. Bean. There was discussion regarding past concerns about insurance and liability, with Mr. Bean advising that he was sure that all would be fine.

The Board reviewed the draft 2013 Warrant. Chairman Cummings advised of the change in the Library budget line, which will be calculated and changed in the Warrant and the Budget, which was then approved by the Board with the above change. Chairman Cummings advised that a new Warrant Article #8 regarding the Police Department may come after legal clarification. The Board then continued to change the order of the remaining Warrant Articles. Chairman Cummings inquired of Mr. Bean as to what his plan was for the pavement preservation. Mr. Bean thought probably Little Hill and a finish coat on the newest section of Deer Meadow Road. General discussion on roads ensued.

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