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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 9, 2017**

**Selectmen Present:** Susan Silverman, Nancy Carney, Chris Holman

Ms. Silverman called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**PRIMARY:**

**\*\*\* APPROVE MINUTES**  
- January 5, 2017

Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

**\*\*\* APPROVE MANIFESTS**

Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the manifests. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

**\*\*\* REVIEW SIGNATURE FOLDER – The Selectmen reviewed and signed.**

**7:15 MEET WITH FRANK BEQUAERT**  
**Re: Safety Improvements – Intersection of Routes 119 and 12**  
**Review memo**

Frank Bequaert gave the Selectmen a copy of his book - Paying Only Your Share. The Selectmen shared that they had reviewed his memo. Mr. Bequaert asked about the Selectmen's letter to SWRPC. Ms. Silverman shared the Selectmen had sent a letter and added the condition that when he sold his book store. Mr. Bequaert discussed the message from NH DOT and thought it looked like they were in favor of but not in favor of moving the speed zone. They stated that the depot intersection was similar to this intersection but Mr. Bequaert stated it wasn't. Ms. Silverman shared the problem was people coming from Richmond Road and not stopping at the stop sign. Mr. Bequaert stated if one was put on Rt 119 people would be more likely to stop. Discussion was held on visibility, side right turn – currently not plowed, having a stop sign with red blinking lights, and people not stopping on a town road coming into a state road being a problem. Ms. Silverman shared that she drove on Richmond Road and if not paying attention, you don't realize you are coming into the intersection. May need additional signage alerting drivers of the intersection. Ms. Silverman shared they could do a better job on signage for town roads. The Town could help out and not just ask for the State to put up a stop sign. Mr. Bequaert shared it would slow down drivers going around the corner and he was more concerned about drivers going around the corner, when there are pedestrians crossing the road. The Selectmen and Mr. Bequaert agreed to wait and see what the State recommended.

Mr. Bequaert discussed reducing the speed on Rt 12 N noting the State doesn't want to. Mr. Bequaert stated that unless you were willing to continually enforce it, people would go back to speeding. Ms. Silverman shared that she doesn't agree with changing the speed limit to 35.

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Bequaert for meeting with them. Ms. Silverman asked Mr. Bequaert to keep in touch and copy the Selectmen on e-mails pertaining to TAC – SWRPC and the State DOT.

**7:30 MEET WITH CHIEF LEONARD DISALVO**

Chief Leonard DiSalvo met with the Selectmen to discuss the prosecutor position. Ms. Silverman asked about the current case load. Chief DiSalvo stated they can deal with small cases. Chief DiSalvo noted new domestic violence law changes and shared that he had talked with the Assistant County Attorney and found out there wouldn't be a fee to the Town.

Ms. Silverman asked if Chief DiSalvo could talk with other Police Chiefs. Chief DiSalvo talked about how Jaffrey handled their cases and mentioned they were part of the regional prosecutor program. Chief DiSalvo asked how to go about hiring a prosecutor. Ms. Silverman stated that interviews would need to be done and there needed to be a job description. Ms. Favreau shared that it was a contractor position. Ms. Silverman shared how employment with Todd Prevett was handled. Chief DiSalvo asked how to go about getting a contract in place. Chief DiSalvo shared he didn't know who would be interested and mentioned that Martha Jacques does other areas that haven't been taken by the regional prosecutor. Chief DiSalvo shared that Mr. Prevett worked for the Town and New Boston. Ms. Favreau asked if Mr. Prevett had any recommendations. Mr. Holman asked Chief DiSalvo who impressed him the most when he has seen them in Court. Chief DiSalvo stated he didn't know. Ms. Silverman asked for the average number of cases. Chief DiSalvo didn't run the numbers and stated it could go down consistently and a lot of their cases were simple. Chief DiSalvo discussed the type of cases the Police Department had. Ms. Silverman stated it would help to know in order to be able to give some kind of indication of the case load and what you needed them to do. Mr. Holman suggested it would be worthwhile to write up a job description. Ms. Silverman and Ms. Carney shared they would understand if working in another town and knowing the numbers would help. Ms. Silverman suggested talking to Mr. Prevett and asking if he has any ideas and whether those working in other towns might have the time.

At 7:44 p.m. Mr. Holman made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Ms. Silverman seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.  
At 7:56 p.m. Mr. Holman made a motion to leave non-public session. Ms. Carney seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

Ms. Silverman shared that an Application for Rental of Town Property came into the office from the Fitzwilliam Community Church which indicated they didn't need an officer. Ms. Silverman noted the steeple project would probably be going on and removing the steeple and relocating it out back of the Town Hall would take up that space and it was something to think about.

Ms. Silverman mentioned the cost of long distance when Chief DiSalvo was on vacation was unbelievably high and she would like Chief DiSalvo to work with Ms. Favreau to look at long distance plans. Chief DiSalvo shared that he has his officers hang up and he returns their calls. Chief DiSalvo noted the Selectmen were only seeing part of the call and he asked if there was an option to go to a long distance plan as he can't comprehend an \$8,000 phone cost. Chief DiSalvo shared with the Selectmen what was going on with the lines at the Police Department and noted that Fairpoint has looked into. Chief DiSalvo stated they were able to talk to the person who was somehow connected to their line and they were concerned with this person being able to listen in on confidential phone conversations.

\*\*\* **REVIEW PLANNING BOARD LETTER TO DRED**  
**Re: KMO Associates**

The Selectmen reviewed. Mr. Holman suggested that DES should be invited to discuss this at a Planning Board meeting.

\*\*\* **REVIEW SCHOOL BUDGET MEETING INFORMATION** – The Selectmen reviewed.

\*\*\* **REVIEW MEMO FROM SANDRA GILLIS** – The Selectmen reviewed.

\*\*\* **REVIEW REQUEST FROM HUNDRED NIGHTS SHELTER**

Ms. Silverman reviewed the request from Hundred Nights Shelter for \$250. They are a cold weather shelter and a few residents from Fitzwilliam have used their shelter.

The Selectmen agreed to add their request to the budget.

\*\*\* **REVIEW LETTER FROM AVITAR**  
**Re: Abatement Application – Map 4, Lot 43-8**

Ms. Silverman reviewed the letter from Mark Stetson, Assessor Supervisor, Avitar. Mr. Stetson recommended that the abatement request be denied.

Mr. Holman made a motion to deny the abatement request. Ms. Carney seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Reminder: Informational meeting – School budget – January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**Shorelands Permit – Map 23, Lot 3** – The Selectmen reviewed.

**Thank you letter from Monadnock Family Services** – The Selectmen reviewed.

The Selectmen discussed the county budget.

Ms. Favreau stated the need to hold a public hearing for the Library to keep the funds. Ms. Favreau shared the public hearing needed to be held the week of February 20<sup>th</sup> and noted that Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> was a Holiday. The Selectmen agreed to meet on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.

Ms. Carney shared the Budget Public Hearing was January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Favreau shared that she received an e-mail from Charlie Koch. The case was in Rindge and that Carlotta Pini and the Assessor for Rindge were involved in it. Mr. Koch doesn't have any details. Ms. Favreau would contact Carlotta Pini for additional information.

Ms. Silverman asked to look at articles for the newsletter at next week's meeting.

Prime Wetlands – Ms. Silverman shared that Henry Underwood had sent a map that was simple but Rick Van de Poll thought the map could be better. Ms. Silverman would contact them to determine which map would be used – both were good. Ms. Silverman shared that Mr. Van de Poll had written a fact sheet on the process.

**ON-GOING BUSINESS:**

Ms. Carney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Ms. Silverman seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

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Susan Silverman, Chairman

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Nancy Carney, Vice Chairman

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