



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2013
WINDSOR TOWN OFFICE

Note: These minutes may not be considered an official public record until such time as they are read and accepted by the Board of Selectmen Members.

Members present: Ray Bates, Dan Gordon, and Ronnie Brann. Richard Gray, Jr. arrived at 6:21 p.m. and Jonathan Adams 6:15.

Public Attending: Tom Reed, Beth Choate, Mary Ellen Peaslee and Bill Appel.

Employees Attending: Theresa Haskell, (*Town Manager*) arrived at 7:30 p.m., Keith Hall (*Road Supervisor*), Tim Coston (*Transfer Station Attendant and Backup ACO*) and Debbie French (*Secretary to the Board*).

Ray Bates called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve the Minutes dated 1-29-13 with the correction of typo error "if" instead of "of" under Public Works Section C seconded by Dan Gordon, and approved 3-0-0.

Public Comment:

- a) **Concerned Citizens Groups:** Beth Choate said that they have dropped off a few petition sheets at local businesses for signatures to get out of the RSU #12. Bonnie Squiers got quite a few signatures at the Sleigh Rally and she also stood outside of Hussey's collecting signatures. These signatures are needed to enable the Board to put this proposal on the Town Warrant. Ray said there will be a cost but we do not have to "buy" the school back. He also said that there needs to be information with the petition sheets so people will understand exactly what they would be signing. There needs to be a 4-member panel made up from a school board member, a town official, a town citizen and a member of the Concerned Citizens Committee. There was much discussion regarding all the ins and outs of this process.

Public Works:

- a) Keith said that they did not have any breakdowns during the big storm. Wind was a huge problem with white-out conditions. He added that their windshields kept freezing up which was very bothersome.
- b) Keith said they were having problems with the private plow drivers pushing snow across the road and causing Public Works to have to go back and clean out the road again.
- c) Jonathan said that if someone has a problem with the way the Public Works Department is plowing they need to come to a Board of Selectmen's Meeting and make their complaints there. Rick said that he was very happy with the job they did.
- d) Mary Ellen Peaslee thinks that we ask too much of our crew and said that she is very grateful for the wonderful job that they have been doing.
- e) There was a mishap at the Fire Station plowing snow when Keith backed into the corner of the building.

Transfer Station:

- a) Theresa had updated Transfer Station Figures that she had Ray pass out to the Board Members to review.

Animal Control:

- a) Theresa received an email from Keel Kemper from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife saying that he is recommending that the Town purchase two (2) live traps for a cost of \$350.00 to have in the spring with the rat situation. There are at least 100 rats in the person's backyard and a good portion of them probably are pregnant. **Richard Gray, Jr. made a motion to buy 2 UHLIK Repeater Rat Traps at a cost of \$350.00 seconded by Ronnie Brann and approved 5-0-0.**

Consideration of Payment Warrants # 34 & # 35: Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve warrants #34 & #35 seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.

Old Business:

- a) Theresa received a letter from the IRS showing that we do not owe the \$84,844.09 fine for the 2009 W-2 copies (which they "found").
- b) Debbie missed the motion at the end of the last meeting, so the Board did the motion again. **Ronnie Brann made a motion to authorize Theresa to sign the Simplex Grinnell Contract for the Platinum Plan on the alarm system and monitoring and on the Platinum Plan for the fire extinguishers for a combined cost of \$1,708.00 seconded by Jonathan Adams and approved 5-0-0.**
- c) Ray said that at the last meeting it was discussed whether or not to continue the policy to set aside the money for the part time worker to have insurance which they would have to pay 50% of. That employee cannot afford to do that at the rate/hours he works. All other benefits for that employee would be unchanged. **Dan Gordon made a motion to remove the sentence on page 28 of the Employee Manual regarding the funding for insurance for part-time employees who consistently work 24-31 hours seconded by Richard Gray, Jr. and approved 5-0-0.**
- d) Representative Lori Fowle and Senator Chris Johnson will be having a meeting here for the town officials and Windsor residents regarding the Governor's Proposals for the budget cuts and how they would/could affect the town on March 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. here at the Town Hall.

New Business: None.

Town Manager's Items: These were taken care of by Ray earlier in the meeting.

Selectmen's Items: None.

Chairman Ray Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on **2-26-13** with the following amendments: **None.**

There will be a Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting on February 19, 2013 to go over the 2012/2013 Budget.

The next Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be on February 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie French
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen