



MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
**DECEMBER 2, 2014**  
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, Richard Gray, Jr., Dan Gordon, Jonathan Adams and Ronnie Brann.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Public Attending:** Tom Reed, Bill Appel, Jennifer Leach-Coston, Jeffrey Leach and Jerry Nault arrived at 7:27p.m.

**Employees Attending:** Theresa Haskell (*Town Manager*), Keith Hall (*Road Supervisor*), Tim Coston (*Transfer Station Supervisor and Animal Control Officer*) and Debbie French (*Secretary to the BOS*).

Ray Bates called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Rick Gray, Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes dated 11-18-14 as written seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 4-0-1** with Ronnie Brann abstaining because he was not at that meeting.

**Public Comment:**

- a) Tom Reed said that the gates are now up at the cemeteries.
- b) Theresa said that she had a complaint today of someone stealing Christmas wreaths at Resthaven Cemetery.

**Public Works:**

- a) Road Supervisor, Keith Hall said that everything is ready to go. The trucks are all in good working order.
- b) Keith said that they had a blown tire on South Belfast Road during the last storm and used the spare. Keith had a new tire put on the rim so there is a new spare available.
- c) Keith said that he had to go back out last night to Ridge Road because there was water in the road that could've turned icy.
- d) The septic tank has been pumped out.
- e) Keith doesn't know why we haven't received the bill yet for the big truck repair, but will call tomorrow to see what the hold-up is.

**Transfer Station:**

- a) Transfer Station Supervisor, Tim Coston said that power was being hooked up today for the scale building. Carl from Acme Scales will be coming to do the wiring on the scales. Next week the scales will be calibrated also. Tim said that he is still waiting for ACME Scales to come certify our new big scales. A wire needs to be moved and he has called twice about it.
- b) Dan Gordon said that he saw people digging out dirt by our new wall and he stopped and told them that it was part of our wall and was not our sand. (The sand is available during Transfer Station hours only at a limit of 2 buckets per household per storm.)
- c) Keith said that On Target was marking out "everything" at the TS/PW area.
- d) Rick Gray, Jr. asked how much it was going to cost for the guide pole. Theresa said that she received the bill today for \$1,188.00 which will be in the next warrant.

**Animal Control Officer Items:**

Tim said that he had a few calls on cats and cows.

### **Consideration of Payment Warrants #24 and #25:**

**Jonathan Adams made a motion to approve warrants #24 and #25 seconded by Rick Gray, Jr. and approved 4-1-0.** Dan questioned why he wasn't allowed to go out front (behind the counter) since the BOS is really over all the employees and Theresa reminded him that the BOS had decided to make the front office (behind the counter) off limits to anyone who is not bonded for the Town of Windsor. If one of the BOS wants to go out in the office, one of the bonded employees can take them out and they can see anything they need to.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

### **Town Manager's Items:**

- a) Theresa had a letter of abatement from the Tax Assessors' Agent, Vern Ziegler. **Jonathan Adams made a motion to suspend as BOS and to convene as BOA at 6:20 p.m. seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0. Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve the abatement as requested seconded by Rick Gray, Jr. and approved 5-0-0. Jonathan Adams made a motion to adjourn as BOA and to reconvene as BOS at 6:22 p.m. seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.**
- b) Ray Bates opened the tax sale bid for the Town-owned property located on Map 02 Lot 050-A. The only bid was from Tim Coston & Jen Leach-Coston in the amount of \$6,000.00 with a check enclosed for the 10% down of \$600.00. Ronnie Brann asked what the total costs were for this property to be completely paid off and Theresa said the total costs would be under \$2,000.00. Ronnie said that as in all the other situations before he had stated that the Town of Windsor was not out to make a profit on property taxes. He feels that the Costons should not be charged more than \$3,000.00. There was discussion and **Ronnie Brann made a motion to accept the bid from Timothy Coston and Jennifer Leach-Coston in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the purchase of the property located on Tax Map 02 Lot 050-A seconded by Ray Bates and approved 5-0-0.** Theresa will type up the Municipal Quit Claim Deed for everyone to sign including the Transfer Tax Form.
- c) Theresa said that most of the work has been done in the front office. Simplex is still working on some areas and Dick Avery is getting a price on carpet for us.
- d) While Burgess Computer was here getting our computers set up in the new locations Theresa asked about the "Windsor Guest Wi-Fi". He said that there is absolutely no additional cost for this and would not interfere with the Town's system. There was much discussion regarding this. **Jonathan Adams made a motion to approve the availability of a "Windsor Guest Wi-Fi" seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 4-1-0.**
- e) The BOS looked over the letter again from Jerry Nault regarding the possible formation of a Local School Committee. Ray said that he is not personally interested in serving on this type of board. There was much discussion regarding this. Theresa recommends that we talk to the school principal to see if she knew who might be interested in serving on a local school committee. She also said that she could call around other RSU Schools to see if they had local committees and if so, what their policies are.
- f) There was a Cemetery Lot Conveyance that needed to be approved. **Ray Bates made a motion to approve and sign a Cemetery Lot Conveyance contingent upon the payment being made seconded by Rick Gray, Jr. and approved 5-0-0.**
- g) Jerry Nault came in at 7:27 to ask if the BOS had decided on having a Local School Committee and was told that they are looking into it. The BOS asked him if he could find out what other Local School Committees have for policies. Jerry said that he will look into this and get back to Theresa.
- h) The BOS had been given a Poverty Abatement Application to look over at their meeting on October 21, 2014 so they could make a decision at this meeting. **Richard Gray, Jr. made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Title 36 Chapter 105 §841 (2) to discuss a Poverty**

**Abatement at 7:35 p.m. and to include Town Manager/Tax Collector, Theresa Haskell seconded by Ray Bates and approved 5-0-0. The BOS came out of executive session at 8:10 p.m. Ronnie Brann made a motion to approve Poverty Abatement Doc # 2014-1 seconded by Dan Gordon and approved 5-0-0.**

**Selectmen's Items:**

- a) The BOS would like to look into the cost of having security cameras installed at the Town Hall.
- b) Rick said he was wondering if anyone was going to take the signs off the Choate Road down for the power lines. Rick said he believes that they are done working there now and we need to get these out of the road. Theresa said she will let Keith know and see if he can take care of these or put them in the ditch so we can plow.

**Chairman Ray Bates adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.**

These minutes were approved as written by the Board of Selectmen on **December 16, 2014.**

**The next Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie French  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen