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*Minutes*  
*Board of Selectmen*  
*Monday, June 6, 2011*

Selectmen Tad Putney, Clarence Farwell, Jack Flanagan, Darrell Philpot and Karl Dowling were present.

**6:15 pm – Non Public Session**

*Tad moved, seconded by Jack to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) (reputation). Voted yes 5-0.*

On returning to public session, *Tad, Clarence, Jack, Karl and Darrell voted to seal the minutes.*

**6:35 pm -Tad** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Ann Somers, Loring Webster, Helen Ballou, Lynne Abt, Dennis Skey, Hattie Bernstein, Chris St. George, Sue Adams, Betty Hall and Rosie Rosenberg.

**Public Input**

**Lynne Abt** said she agreed with a past suggestion to create a Transparency Committee to determine what documents should be on the website. **Darrell** agreed. **Jack** said this should be an agenda item. **Tad** agreed saying people were upset with spending half an hour on this discussion during public input at the last meeting.

**Dennis Skey** said he saw the 2009 audit report and couldn't find anything in the minutes that the auditor met with the selectmen. He feels the town is being mismanaged and would like the auditor's letter put in the town report. **Clarence** said he feels Dennis is accusing the selectmen of being crooked. **Tad** said he talked to the auditor today. A draft of the 2010 audit will be ready in 2-4 weeks. Tad recommended that either two of the selectmen or the entire Board meet with the auditor once the draft is ready at which time discussions can occur regarding addressing items identified in the Auditor's letter. **Rena** will email the 2009 audit to Lynne to put on the town's website. **Helen** said this should be an agenda item and not discussed under public input.

The Selectmen will individually complete a form for the auditors and return it to Rena by Wednesday.

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*Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to approve the public session minutes of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Voted yes 5-0. Karl moved, seconded by Clarence to approve the four sets of non public session minutes of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Voted yes 5-0.*

**Warrants**

The selectmen signed the payroll in the amount of \$36,993.34.  
The selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$101,257.50.

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#### **Tax Rate**

*Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to authorize Tad to sign the form for the town to get the tax rate by email. Voted yes 5-0.*

#### **Chapel**

##### **Cornerstone Bible Church**

**Rev. Damon Thomas** of Cornerstone Bible Church has requested a year's lease for use of the Chapel and Brusck Hall on Sunday mornings. They have been renting the buildings for three months. **Rena** drafted a rental agreement for review. She included maintenance and custodial care of the buildings and grounds as St. Mary's Old Catholic Church will not be renting the Chapel as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. **Betty Hall** asked if the selectmen checked with town counsel before renting the buildings to churches. **Tad** agreed to call LGC legal department. **Chris St. George** said it's not uncommon for a church to rent space.

#### **Lighting Upgrade**

The selectmen authorized Tad to sign the forms for PSNH that the lighting upgrades have been completed.

At this point Jack left the meeting.

#### **Facilities Committee**

The Selectmen signed the Charter for the 2011-2012 Facilities Study Committee. The deadline for residents who would like to serve on the committee is Friday.

#### **Information Request**

The selectmen reviewed the letter being sent to Laurie Perreault and the information she requested.

#### **Winterberry Road**

The selectmen authorized Tad to sign a letter stating the town will accept Winterberry Road when the road is complete.

#### **Sargent Road**

**Sue Adams** submitted a request from five residents of Sargent Road to reduce the speed limit to 15 mph. Sue said 25 mph is too fast for that dirt road. **Tad** suggested we get input from Chief Quigley. All selectmen agreed. **Darrell** said if all residents request a speed limit of 15, he wouldn't have a problem lowering it. **Tad** said there may be issues with such an approach as any speeding tickets may not be enforceable.

#### **Meetinghouse Hill Rd/Bond St. intersection**

**Tad** said he was approached about installing a stop sign at the intersection of Meetinghouse Hill Road and Bond Street. Coming from Milford Street toward Bond Street has poor visibility by Bunker's. **Tad** suggested we get input from Chief Quigley. **Sue Adams** said she uses that route daily and it is dangerous. **Karl** agreed. **Darrell** suggested we get Chief Quigley to report on other dangerous intersections. **Loring Webster** said he feels a stop sign would be an improvement.

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**Police Dept.**

**Chief Quigley** submitted the May activity report.

**Ambulance**

**Wes Whittier** submitted the May activity report.

**Cable Contract**

**Rena** asked whether she should send the Cable Franchise Agreement to an attorney for review as this is not Attorney Drescher's expertise. **Dennis Skey** said he met with the NH Coalition at LGC last week and they would be willing to look at the Cable Contract. Dennis will get the contact information for Rena.

**Town Meeting**

**Darrell** said he'd like to see Town Meeting changed to a Saturday. **Chris St. George** said the last Saturday Town Meeting did not change the numbers attending. **Tad** said we had a study circle in 2008 that discussed changing the meeting. At the 2008 Presidential election a poll was taken. 51% wanted the meeting to remain on a weeknight; 49% wanted it between Friday night and Sunday but varied on which day it should be held. Tad said it was decided at that time there was no compelling reason to change it from the Wednesday night.

**Gen. Business**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

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Tad Putney

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Clarence L. Farwell

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Jack B. Flanagan

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Darrell Philpot

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Karl D. Dowling