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**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2015**

PRESENT: TOM CLOW, CHAIRMAN; KEITH R. LACASSE, VICE CHAIRMAN; JOHN LAWTON, SELECTMAN; JAMES LEARY, SELECTMAN; JENNIFER BOHL, SELECTMAN

RECORDING SECRETARY: Cherry Palmisano

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi Bolton

GUESTS: Frank Campana, Jan Snyder, Jack Meaney, Eileen Meaney, Donna Osborne, Lori Davis, John Osborne

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order.

The first hour of tonight's meeting will be devoted to answering questions that voters may have regarding the Town Warrant.

MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Clow moved, Selectman Lawton seconded to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015 as amended. Passed 5-0-0

MANIFESTS

Chairman Clow moved, Selectman Leary seconded to order the Treasurer to sign the accounts payable and payroll dated March 12, 2015 as included in the following manifests:

Accounts Payable Manifest	\$127,823.78	
Accounts Payables Manifest	\$500,000	(John Stark Regional March Payments)
Payroll Manifest	<u>\$42,176.04</u>	(Includes taxes, credit union, police detail)
TOTAL	\$669,999.82	

Passed 5-0-0

Chairman Clow noted that there is a process that the Selectmen go through prior to the meeting in which they go through all the invoices in the Manifest and at the meeting approve what they have already reviewed.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Town Administrator Bolton asked that the Board to sign the Comcast Agreement extension. The extension expires on June 30, 2015. Vice Chairman Lacasse asked if the reason they don't need a public hearing is because it is a short extension. Chairman Clow does not feel that they need a public hearing for the extension. There will be a public hearing before a new contract is signed. Chairman Clow noted that there was a presentation from Comcast because the contract was up for renewal at the end of February and rather than making a decision when background information was still needed, an extension was agreed upon. The Comcast representative will go back to Comcast to request the things discussed and then they will work from there.

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Alan Gould, MRI, is not available this week, but he would like to meet Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of next week. The Board requested to put Alan Gould on the March 16th Agenda.

Government Building and Maintenance ó Town Administrator Bolton spoke with someone who will be submitting a quote for both the lead abatement and asbestos removal at the Town Office. The prices will be broken down.

Town Administrator Bolton discussed the Town Hall furnace and asked the Board if they want to switch to propane or stay with oil. If they stay with oil, the tank will need to be dug up and a whistle will need to be installed. It was noted that no plans exist for either the tank at the Town Hall or Town Office. The furnace at the Town Hall is in need of replacing. Selectman Bohl said to get prices for both propane and oil. Selectman Leary said that if they stayed with oil that tank most likely will need to be replaced to bring it up to code. The Board will need to seek professional advice. Town Administrator Bolton was asked to invite Irving in for recommendations, let them know they are gathering information, not soliciting proposals. Town Administrator Bolton told the Board that Scott Dinsmore reached out to submit a proposal. Vice Chairman Lacasse said to Granite State Plumbing and Heating as well.

Chairman Clow mentioned that he came across the charge for the Building Committee that they use to have. He said that if the talent is out there they should consider a Building Committee again to turn something like this over to and have them come back to the Board with recommendations. The Building Committee was composed of 4-5 members, but over time it became difficult to get all the members together. That committee did give the Board a long list of recommendations. Chairman Clow thinks that they should revisit the concept of having a Building Committee.

Noise Ordinance ó Chairman Clow said that at this point there is no ordinance they are asking the voters to adopt. The Board did draft an ordinance based on composites from other communities. Copies were distributed at Deliberative Session and those present did not think it should go forward in its present form and amendments were made. The article gives the Selectmen the right to once again study the ordinance and bring it forth again next year. Vice Chairman Lacasse asked if the voters say no does that mean they won't be able to proceed with the Noise Ordinance until the next year. They will need to get legal advice.

The Board will discuss mailboxes on March 16th and Mr. Redmond will participate in the discussion.

The Food Pantry is trying to find a new home and they are still looking at the Town Office basement, but the space is limited for their needs. They are still looking for another location.

Question: If the new grader is approved what will they do with the funds from the sale of the old grader?

Answer: The old grader will be traded in to lower the price of the new grader. If traded in the same condition it is now it will be worth \$40k, but if it loses its transmission or requires a major repair before it can be traded in then the value will go down.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Campana told the Board that even though there was a low response from callers it is great that the Board makes themselves available. He noticed in the Town Report that there is a line in the Police Department budget for Accreditation and a statement made by acting Chief Kelly that the Weare Police Department is more than 2/3 of the way through the assessment process for Accreditation scheduled for April 6th, which will include a public hearing. Mr. Campana said that the Board may change make-up after voting and asked if the Board still anticipates moving forward with Accreditation especially without having a full time police chief. Vice Chairman Lacasse said that it is his intention to move forward. It is also Chairman Clow's intention to move forward. Mr. Campana asked them if they feel comfortable and fully versed as to what they are buying into. Vice Chairman Lacasse said of what that he knows he is comfortable. He spoke with the insurance carrier and if the department

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is Accredited it will help to reduce their premiums. When they do hire a new police chief that person won't always be police chief, so having a third party monitor performance with Accreditation is a good thing for the town. Mr. Campana asked if it is such a good thing why aren't all towns Accredited. Mr. Campana understands working towards that standard, but thinks that the Board should consider actually putting money to the line.

Selectman Lawton said that there is \$8,500 for Accreditation in the proposed budget and \$0 in the default. He asked what happens if they get a default budget. Chairman Clow said that speaking for himself, he would expect that they would find the money elsewhere in the budget, if the Board is committed to go ahead then they are within their rights to move forward.

Question: Why does the Town Mailer state that the Household Hazardous Waste Day is not recommended by the Board of Selectmen?

Answer: The Board has always recommended this article and will always do so because it is the one day of the year for people to dispose of their household hazardous waste. This was a typographical error. The ballot does say that the article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Question: Lori Davis asked for clarification on the land on East Road that has been donated. She knows that the Historical Society will use the barn and asked who will pay the utilities and upkeep on the barn.

Answer: Chairman Clow said that there will be a lease with those terms spelled out. The barn will be used for cold storage. This Board does not intend to sign a lease and pay for upkeep or any utility costs. The insurance issue has not been discussed and will need to be worked out with the Historical Society. Currently there is a one year short term lease to get the deal approved at the price being offered.

OTHER BUSINESS

Selectman Lawton thanked Town Administrator Bolton for her assistance during his three year tenor.

Selectman Lawton told the Board that based on Mr. Sullivan's presentation at their last meeting he thinks that they should go with MRI to assist in the process of hiring a police chief.

Selectman Lawton thanked all Board members. He knows there were disagreements, but they got along and kept their sense of humor, which he hopes continues.

Selectman Lawton was thanked for his time spent as a member of the Board.

Chairman Clow said that they discussed at their last meeting to have each of them come up with what they would like to see for characteristics in a police chief. He welcomed Selectman Lawton to do that and feels it would be helpful.

The Board encouraged everyone to go out and vote.

Selectman Bohl asked what the Board is looking to gain within the next year. The best police chief in the nation to be in Weare, NH is their first priority and thereafter to never read about the Weare Police Department in the newspaper again. Chairman Clow would like to start checking things off of the list such as insulation in the Town Office building attic, some areas of paint on the Town Hall, the Town Hall doors, and for the Highway Garage to at least be on the ballot for people to vote on. Vice Chairman Lacasse would like to see the Highway Garage design get passed for people to vote on. Selectman Leary would like to see more interaction with the department heads. He noted that there was some positive feedback from the public meeting at the Town Hall and he would like them to meet with each individual department head.

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Question: Article 14 ó Will the vehicle repeaters for the Police, Fire, and DPW also help communication on the buses?

Answer: Chairman Clow said that the communication for the buses never came up. They primarily discussed Police and Fire and that the repeaters will be beneficial to the DPW as well. The in vehicle repeaters will help the hand held units work better outside of the vehicles.

Chairman Clow moved, Selectman Bohl seconded to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Passed 5-0-0

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Cherry Palmisano, Recording Secretary