

**FINAL**



**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 25, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Thomas Clow, Chairman; Richard Butt, Vice Chairman; Keith Lacasse, Selectmen; Lee Marcroft, Selectman

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Thomas Clow

**GUESTS:** Tina Connor, Sharon DeStefano, Neal Kurk

Chairman Clow called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NON PUBLIC SESSION** - Chairman Clow moved, Selectman Marcroft seconded, to go into non public session at 7:05 p.m. under RSA 91-A:3II c. A roll call vote was taken: Selectman Marcroft – yes, Selectman Clow – yes, Selectman Butt – yes, Selectman Lacasse - yes.

In non public session there was a discussion of extenuating circumstances related to the payment of taxes for property on Map 110 Lot 68. The Tax Collector proposed a payment plan for those taxes.

Chairman Clow moved, Seconded by Selectman Marcroft, to come out of non public session at 7:14 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman Marcroft – yes, Selectman Clow – yes, Selectman Butt – yes, Selectman Lacasse - yes.

**DEEDING DISCUSSION** – Tax Collector, Sharon DeStefano, and Finance Administrator, Tina Connor, explained the deeding process. Deeding means that the Town assumes ownership of a piece of property on which taxes have not been paid. Any property on which 2008 taxes have not been paid will automatically be deeded if the Board of Selectmen does not waive the right to deed that property by July 29, 2011. The Board can reconsider and deed a piece of property at a future date providing it follows State law and timelines related to deeding.

Presently there is \$124,083.24 owed in 2008 property taxes. The tax Collector explained that the majority of the property owners who owe these taxes have established payment plans with her office. These plans are approved by the Selectmen.

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**Chairman Clow moved, seconded by Selectman Lacasse, to waive the deeding rights on all properties with outstanding 2008 taxes. Passed 4 – 0.**

**Vice Chairman Butt moved, seconded by Selectman Lacasse, to waive the penalty and interest in the amount of \$654.12 on the property on Tax Map 110 Lot 68, and to approve the payment plan proposed by the Tax Collector. Passed 4 – 0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Neal Kurk asked to speak on the issue of Police Department step increases, which he had seen as an agenda item. He said that he felt they should not be given without voter input. He also said that, if money were available for any raises, he felt it should be applied to the wages of lower paid employees first. Mr. Kurk said that he understands the negotiations process, but that the Board of Selectmen has discretionary power in this circumstance.

Vice Chairman Butt replied that at the 2010 Deliberative Session it was clearly explained that the step increases would continue for several years if the police contract were approved by voters. He also quoted from similar language included in the 2010 mailer.

**DISCUSSION OF PD STEP INCREASES** – After a lengthy discussion among Board members, the issue of Police step increases was tabled without a final decision being made.

### **MANIFEST**

**Chairman Clow moved, seconded by Selectman Lacasse, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign Manifests and order the Treasurer to sign checks dated July 28, 2011 in the following amounts: Passed 4-0**

**Accounts Payable \$ 111,375.20**

**Gross Payroll \$ 42,570.67** (Including taxes, Credit Union and Police Detail.)

**Total \$ 153,945.87**

**ADJOURNMENT – 8:35 p.m.**

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Thomas S. Clow, Recording Secretary