

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

### Town of Auburn Board of Selectmen January 20, 2015

**Selectmen Present:** Russell Sullivan, James Headd and Richard Eaton.

**Also Present:** Michael Dross, Road Agent; Police Lieutenant Ray Pelton; Residents Nancy Mayland, Fay Hanscomb, Audrey Trickett, Tom Gonyea, John Rolfe, Mary Ann Rolfe, George Gagnon, Jarlene Cornett, Brad Sargent, Kim Sargent, Scott Norris, Karen Norris, Linda Dross, Jill Wheeler, Kristen Dross, Dee Cleary, Alan Cote, Mike Dipietro, Mickey Rolfe, Debbie Rolfe, Paula Marzloff, Kim Lufkin, Mary Beth Lufkin, Susan Goodhue, Greg Santuccio, Alan Villeneuve, Tim Therrien, Patrick Kelly, Dennis Vieira, Pauline Vieira, Chris Rolfe, Scott Rolfe, Dan Carpenter, David Jenkins, David Nye, Joseph Sline, James Cloutier and Ray Racicot; and Bill Herman, Town Administrator.

Mr. Russell Sullivan opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Approval of Accounts Payable for Week of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

***Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$115,214.66 for the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

#### **Consent Agenda – Week of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

##### Abatement Applications

Granted – Michael & Jane Gilon, 66 Stoney Brook Lane (Tax Map #11, Lot #56 – 16) – Assessment reduction of \$16,900

Granted – Dusty's Transportation, Inc., 5 & 7 Priscilla Lane (Tax Map #1, Lot #36 – 24) – Assessment reduction of \$41,800

##### 2015 Town Meeting Warrant

Deliberative Session – Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 9:00 am

Second Session – Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

##### 2015 Default Budget

Default Budget totaling \$5,102,176

##### Pistol/Revolver Licenses

Three (3)

***Mr. Headd moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the week of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015; Mr.***

***Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

Mr. Sullivan reported the Board had several items on the agenda that would be handled in Non-Public Session. Noting the larger than normal audience in attendance, he indicated he felt the public may be present as a result of news articles over the weekend concerning the Grand Jury indictment of the Road Agent for activity that occurred on the former landfill property. He reported the Board had made contact with Town Counsel concerning the news and Town Counsel has advised the Board that there was no action for the Board to take at this time. He indicated that should the Board need to consider this issue in the future, it will first be noticed to the Road Agent himself and would be part of a future agenda. Whether it was a public or non-public session would be the decision of the Road Agent at that time. Mr. Sullivan again stressed the Board will not be taking any action on this matter at this meeting.

Michael Dipietro asked the Board if the Tuesday meeting was due to the fact Monday was a holiday? Mr. Sullivan indicated that was true and the Board had scheduled this meeting during their meeting on January 5, 2015, and selected this date as the Board would not be meeting on the Monday holiday.

Mr. Headd stated before the Board entered into Non-Public Session, he felt there was a particularly large attendance this evening and he was curious to learn if there was a reason so many turned out for this meeting.

Dennis Vieira was recognized and indicated the general feeling is that when the Board meets on a day or time other than a regular Monday evening meeting, someone was going to get fired. He indicated a prior meeting concerning the Town Administrator, a prior meeting concerning J.H. Rolfe Construction and several meetings concerning the Road Agent. He felt people were fed up and were here to express that to the Board.

Mr. Eaton indicated the Board received the news on Saturday concerning the grand jury issue and immediately contacted the Town attorney for advice and direction. He indicated the Board was acting diligently and following the advice of legal counsel. In general terms, he didn't feel an inflammatory conversation would be helpful to any discussion.

## **Non-Public Session**

***Mr. Eaton moved to enter into Non-Public Session at 6:40 PM pursuant to the provision of RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) – to discuss a matter which could affect the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board. Mr. Headd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Sullivan – yes; Mr. Headd – Yes; Mr. Eaton – Yes.***

Meeting in Non-Public Session with the Selectmen were Joseph Sline and Town Administrator Herman.

***Mr. Eaton moved to come out of Non-Public Session at 6:47 PM, seconded by Mr. Headd. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Sullivan – yes; Mr. Headd – Yes; Mr. Eaton – Yes.***

Mr. Sline left the meeting.

***Mr. Eaton moved to enter into Non-Public Session at 6:48 PM pursuant to the provision of RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) – to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Headd seconded the motion. A***

***roll call vote was taken: Mr. Sullivan – yes; Mr. Headd – Yes; Mr. Eaton – Yes.***

Meeting in Non-Public Session with the Selectmen was Town Administrator Herman.

***Mr. Eaton moved to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:41 PM, seconded by Mr. Headd. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Sullivan – yes; Mr. Headd – Yes; Mr. Eaton – Yes.***

***Mr. Eaton moved to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session, seconded by Mr. Headd. A vote was taken; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

***Mr. Headd moved to approve step increases for three part-time employees of the Parks & Recreation Commission based on positive job performance evaluations. The employees include Karl Dobmeier from Labor Grade 5, Step 5 to Labor Grade 5, Step 6; Helen Hiltz from Labor Grade 9, Step 4 to Labor Grade 9, Step 5; and Armand Miclette from Labor Grade 6, Step 5 to Labor Grade 6, Step 6. Seconded by Mr. Eaton. A vote was taken; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

**Adjourn**

***Mr. Eaton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Headd. A vote was taken; all were in favor, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:44 p.m.***