Present: Nicholas A. Hay, John F. Fairbanks, Laila J. Michaud

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall.

# APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrants:

December 8, 2009	Senior Work-Off Payroll #35S	\$ 13,488.00
	Deductions #35D	\$135,023.36
December 9, 2009	Senior Deductions #35D	\$ 388.32
December 14, 2009	Accounts Payable #37	\$ 74,751.86

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION - CONSERVATION AGENT

Dan Bartkus, Chairman of the Conservation Commission was on hand to discuss the possibility of retaining the Agent position. He explained that the Commission will not have sufficient funds in the Wetlands Fees Account to support this position in FY2011. He requested that the Board consider using General Fund monies for the position.

Selectmen agreed it was too soon to discuss FY11 budgets and instructed Mr. Bartkus to submit his budget and follow the normal budget process. They also suggested he identify the present job the Agent is performing during this period of slow construction and that he also meet with the Advisory Board to discuss the position.

### TAX CLASSIFICATION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board open the Tax Classification hearing. He further moved that the Board continue the hearing to a later date when property values have been certified by the Department of Revenue. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### DEPOT ROAD BRIDGE

A few residents and business owners were on hand to discuss their frustration over the slow progress with the construction of the Depot Road Bridge.

Mr. Bjurling, owner of Depot Package Store stated his sales have reduced by 35%.

DPW Commissioner Lorraine Emerson stated it is beyond the control of the DPW Commission. She further stated she agreed that Lew Evangelidis should be asked to intervene.

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Ms. Michaud moved that the Board contact Lew Evangelidis to intervene with Mass Highway. Motion was duly seconded. Upon discussion, it was agreed to make a verbal request and to follow up in writing, if necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Hay moved that the Board agree to schedule their meetings for 7 p.m. on the following Mondays in 2010; January 4, 11, 25, February 1, 8, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 29, and April 5, 12, 26. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### MAINTENANCE VEHICLE

Mrs. Murphy explained to the Board that a 2008 Chevy Silverado was being purchased for the Maintenance Department for \$10,000. She also noted that this vehicle was valued at \$15,000.

She requested that the Board declare the old Maintenance vehicle as surplus so she could put it out to bid.

Mr. Hay moved that the Board declare the old Maintenance vehicle as surplus and authorize Mrs. Murphy to put it out to bid with a minimum bid of \$450. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## 7:57 PM ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hay moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. Fairbanks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Laila J. Michaud, Clerk (Prepared by B. Kazan)