

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting – February 6, 2006
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The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, February 6, 2006 at the Town Office Building.

Present for the Board: Maurice Y. Bisson, Wayne Stoddard and Timothy Huchthausen.

Staff and Others Present: Marti Squires, Recording Secretary.

The First Selectman called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Item 1: Audience for Citizens

- 1.1 Margaret Haraghey inquired as to the status of the annual audit report and if the tax sale had been rescheduled for the property on Drain Street. Selectman Bisson responded that the audit has another postponement (extension) on its completion due to the school. Selectman Bisson further stated that the tax sale would be discussed later on as it will be added to the agenda.
- 1.2 Dayna McDermott commented that the Board of Selectmen's Minutes from January 3rd had stated twice that she had questioned the use of a tape recorder therefore requesting that item 12.5 be omitted from the minutes.

Item 2: Board of Education Liaison Report

- 2.1 **HES Board of Ed** - Gordon Hansen reported that the new Budget and Finance Subcommittee has met approximately six times and that it is still being worked on. He also stated that there would be a special meeting this Thursday, however executive session is anticipated.
- 2.2 **District 11 Board** - None

Item 3: SPG (Strategic Planning Group) Update

- 3.1 Selectman Bisson reported that Brooklyn voted to go into negotiations and that the meetings are planned for every Monday night.

Item 4: Approval of Minutes

Motion: Selectman Stoddard moved to amend the minutes of January 3rd to omit item 12.5, which was then seconded by Selectman Huchthausen. Unanimously carried.

Item 5: Review Financial Report

- 5.1 Financial report ending January 31, 2006 was reviewed.

Item 6: Additions to Agenda

Motion: Selectman Stoddard made a motion to add the following items to the agenda: under Old Business, Fire Truck, Tax Sale on Drain Street and Recording of Minutes; and under New Business, Break in at Town Garage. Seconded by Selectman Huchthausen, unanimously carried.

Item 7: Tax Collector Report

- 7.1 Tax Collector Baum reported that he took in over one million in January. He requested to process two refunds due to overpayments totaling \$1,113.12

Motion: Selectman Stoddard moved to pay the two overpayments for a total of \$1,113.12. Seconded by Selectman Huchthausen, unanimously carried.

Item 8: Appointments

Motion: Selectman Bisson moved to appoint Selectman Stoddard as an alternate on the WINCOG Regional Planning Commission. Seconded by Selectman Huchthausen, motion carried.

Item 9: *Committee Reports*

Minutes of the Conservation Committee for January 17; Central Office Committee for January 26; Planning & Zoning for December 19 & January 23; District 11 BOE for January 17; Grange Committee for January 26; Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission for January 9 were reviewed.

Selectman Huchthausen commended the Grange Committee on the work that they have been doing.

Item 10: *Old Business*

10.1 Fire Truck – Selectman Bisson reported that the company has been adding additional costs to the original contract that was signed. Selectman Bisson further stated that he had told them that if they were not going to honor the contract that we would ask for a refund of the deposit. They had stated that they would reply by Thursday (February 9th).

10.2 Tax Sale on Drain Street – Selectman Bisson reported that the tax sale has been rescheduled for February 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Discussion ensued.

10.3 Tape Recording of Meetings

Motion: Selectman Huchthausen made a motion to rescind the previous motion made to tape record meetings. Seconded by Selectman Stoddard; unanimously carried.

Motion: Selectman Huchthausen made a motion to postpone the tape recording of minutes for one month. Seconded by Selectman Stoddard; unanimously carried.

Item 11: *New Business*

11.1 Break in at Town Garage – Selectman Bisson reported that the Town Garage was broken into sometime between Friday evening after Daryl left and Saturday morning when the Fire Department attempted to fill the truck with fuel. Some items were stolen and a police report has been filed. Selectman Huchthausen recommended that preventative measures be taken to avoid future break ins.

11.2 Emergency Preparedness for Elderly – Selectman Bisson informed the Board that the generator at the Elementary School is not big enough to run the whole school in an emergency. Selectman Bisson further stated that he had spoken with someone from FEMA and they suggested that we contact CL&P to find out what the school draws on a daily basis and figure 25% more for emergency. Margaret Haraghey commented that there should already be a grant in for this.

Selectman Bisson further stated that he found out about a matching grant for transportation of elderly or disabled citizens. Currently Hampton has the use of it for two days per week and we would be eligible for four days per week at no additional cost. This would also help for those that are currently volunteering time to assist elderly or disabled persons to transport them to doctor's appointments.

11.3 Eastern Connecticut Regional Finance Group – Selectman Bisson reported that they were looking for support to represent our town. Margaret Haraghey stated that she used to go and that she thought that it should carry over to the current Selectmen.

Item 12: *Communications - None*

Item 13: *Audience for Citizens*

13.1 Bob Burgoyne commented that it was a shame about the break in at the Town Garage. He further stated that the Elementary School is the primary emergency shelter but suggested that the Town Hall and the Grange may also be used as backups. He further stated that it is important that the Elementary School be fully equipped as the main shelter. Discussion ensued with input from other citizens.

13.2 Gay Wagner stated that Eastern Connecticut State University has offered 50 students to help with working on the Grange. She requested that the Board make a formal act that they could go forward with the cleaning and disposing of items. She also stated that she would be willing to write a grant if the current fire truck purchase fell through.

Motion: Selectman Stoddard made a motion to allow Gay Wagner, Sue Hochstetter and anyone else to go forward with the project at the Grange. Seconded by Selectman Huchthausen; unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Huchthausen moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Stoddard, unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marti Squires

Recording Secretary