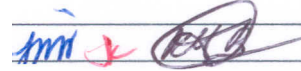


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___Joni
___Joanne
___Bob M.
___John
___Bob B.
___Betsy

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TOWN OF EPSOM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2007

Present: Bob Blodgett, Chairman; Joanne Randall, Vice-Chairman; Joni Kitson

Excused: Bob McKechnie; John Klose

Other Attendees: Richard Frambach; Bruce Graham; Penny Graham; David Fiorentino; Rick Belanger; Andrew Walton; Mary Frambach; John Butler; Rob Topik; Cheryl Arvanitis; Jay Hickey; Stewart Yeaton; Wayne Preve; Keith Cota; Nancy Wheeler; Barbara Clark; Matt Moulton; Lisa Cote

Bob B. opened the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Road Agent/Precast Bid Opening Center Hill Road (and DOT Letter)

Postponed till December 27, 2007

Bob B. reiterated this discussion would be put off until next week.

FOR SIGNATURE

1. Accounts Payable & Payroll
2. Manifest
3. Office Cleaning Agreement

It was discussed the cost of cleaning the office has been increased \$15.00 a week with a consensus to sign the agreement with this additional cost. Bob B. signed the agreement.

4. Agreement between Epsom and CNIIRPC

Betsy explained she would like to take \$1,500.00 of the cost from this year's budget and \$1,500.00 from next year's budget. There was a Board consensus to sign the agreement; it was signed by the members present.

S. Request to Transfer Funds

The funds are to be transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Funds as voted in March.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

David Fiorentino said he got the minutes from the last meeting and he had issues regarding the reviewing of the non-public minutes. It was explained how the non-public minutes were reviewed during non-public sessions which was meant to save time. Joni suggested putting the opened non-public minutes in a folder and each Board member reviewing them individually and signing them.

Draft Minutes of December 10, 2007

The board reviewed and amended these minutes.

Joni made a motion to accept the draft minutes of December 10,2007 as amended with Joanne seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Final Minutes of December 5,2007

Joni made a motion to accept the final minutes of December 5, 2007 with Joanne seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Final Minutes of November 26, 2007

Joni made a motion to accept the final minutes of November 26,2007 with Bob B. seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

In reviewing the Accounts Payable Joni asked if anyone knew if the Zoning Compliance Officer or the Highway Department had gotten a new telephone. She thought they would need a Purchase Order, determining that the Road Agent had signed for the payment.

Joni asked Joanne why they were paying a bill for membership to the NH Builders Association. Joanne did not know but will check.

Final Non-Public Minutes of December 5, 2007, Session #1

Final Non-Public Minutes of December 5, 2007, Session #2

Final Non-Public Minutes of December 10, 2007, Session #2

Final Non-Public Minutes of December 10,2007, Session #3

Final Non-Public Minutes of December10, 2007, Session #4

Final Non-Public Minutes of December 10, 2007, Session #5

Joni made a motion to accept the final non-public minutes of December 5, 2007, Session #1, December 5, 2007, Session #2, December 10, 2007, Session #2, December 10, 2007, Session #3, December 10, 2007, Session #4, December 10, 2007, Session #5 with Joanne seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Final Non-Public Minutes of December 10, 2007, Session #1

Joni made a motion to accept the final non-public minutes as amended of December 10, 2007, Session #1 with Joanne seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Property Owner Concern of Road Work/Millhouse Road

John Butler, an owner of property on Millhouse Road, met with the Board to discuss issues regarding work completed by the Highway Department in front of his father's house. Mr. Butler thanked the Board for having him back *as he was* here at the beginning! of November. He followed up his concerns with a letter dated November 13 . Mr. Butler laid out what he would like to see to remedy the concerns. He would like to have the lawn and driveway restored to their original situation. Bob B. read the Road Agent's response. Originally he had planned to run a culvert at the beginning of the lawn, but *was* unable to do this. Gordon said he would fix and repave the driveway and repair and reseed the lawn.

Discussion occurred regarding the driveway as there *was* no culvert under the driveway prior to the Road Agent installing one *as* part of this work. Mr. Butler reiterated he *was* asking to have the ditch filled in and the drive and lawn restored *as it was* before. He said there never were any drainage issues in the past. Bob B. asked where the water would go. Mr. Butler said where it goes today - down the ditch line to a cross culvert put in about 10 years ago (it is about 50 feet from his property).

Mr. Butler said he has talked to the Yeadon's who have concerns about the water discharging onto their corn field. Mr. Butler said he would let them address their concerns.

Discussion occurred by the Board that Mr. Butler *was* asking to have the culvert removed. Joanne said the Road Agent had felt a need for a culvert, it *was* in the town right of way and he did not see a need to remove it.

Joni said the person sitting here *was* an engineer and had lived on the property for approximately 40 years. Bob B. asked if Mr. Butler had talked to Gordon after

the initial discussions. Joni said she was hoping Gordon would be here when Mr. Butler came in.

Bob B. said the Road Agent had worked all night with Joanne saying he was at his son's concert. When she talked to Gordon she thought the issues were resolved. Gordon has spent time and money doing the road.

Mr. Butler said as it was said in the note the Road Agent did not intend to run a ditch as the current culvert does the job. Originally the Road agent had installed a second cross culvert and then he removed it on November 5th. There is no need to have two culverts in that area. Discussion ensued about the culverts and review of the pictures taken by Mr. Butler.

Bob B. would like to have Mr. Butler talk with the Road Agent and the Board will come up with a conclusion as to what to do. Mr. Butler asked to return to this forum to resolve the issues. When he had talked to Mr. Ellis he had gotten a sense that this was what was done and it would not be changed. Joni said they could set a date and if the Road Agent could not make it they could call Mr. Butler. Bob B. will talk with Gordon to set a time. Joni suggested setting it up the week of the Department Head meeting in January. Bob B. asked Mr. Butler if he could plan on the third Monday in January and hopefully the issues could be resolved then.

Department Head Meeting

Highway Facilities Committee - Joni said this is not a town department and any report it had could be done later.

Fire Department - Chief Yeaton said he did not know if Chief Preve would make the meeting as he was at an incident.

Chief Yeaton said he had the information requested by Joanne regarding the number of calls to Epsom Manor. Joanne explained she was attempting to research the number of calls and if the town could get more reimbursement from these calls.

Chief Yeaton said the NIMS training is a self teaching class on the computer. He said the staff at the Station would assist any selectman wanting to take the class. Chief Yeaton discussed the billing and amount of money collected, etc. He said some budget lines would be over spent but his bottom line would be okay.

Chief Yeaton said they have a problem with Engine 2 and after the next payroll he would like to have it repaired.

Emergency Management - Barbara said Alan Quimby was in the office and said he was not notified of the Department Head meeting. He had a class tonight. Barbara said they have to put a notice in this box.

Zoning Board of Adjustment - Keith Cota said they have had 22 meetings this year and discussed some cases.

Zoning Compliance Officer – Jay Hickey said he is giving out permits and working on illegal apartments. He has a couple of abutter issues that he is trying to resolve.

Jay discussed the regulations under junkyards and enforcement and methods that could be used. He reviewed the regulations, reading some of them. Jay said he was bringing this up as he became aware a citizen entered a junkyard illegally, took samples and gave them to DES. Jay would like the Board to send a letter to the citizen saying he could not complain in that method. Jay gave a letter from the junkyard owner's attorney to the Board.

Joni said if Jay is saying the town is not responsible then why should the Board get involved. Joanne thought it was beyond the point of the Board since this person has threatened a lawsuit against the town and they should pass this on to Town Counsel. Joni said they should have a non~public session to discuss it.

Jay said another town official was approached by DES and that official should talk to Town Counsel also.

Jay discussed a person in Kingstowne whose mobile home was damaged by the floods in April, but not reimbursed enough to repair the total damage by FEMA. He said it should have been further inspected by FEMA. He said the person is elderly and has been placed in a home, but now does not have enough money to repair the mobile home in Kingstowne. Jay is trying to have FEMA revisit this situation.

Joanne asked Jay the benefits of his belonging to the NH Builders Association. Jay said they helped him out with inspections during the floods.

Parks & Recreation Committee – Nancy Wheeler said they had nothing to report and were unable to make the meeting.

Library – Cheryl Arvanitis said they are doing a food drive for the Welfare Office in lieu of collecting past due fines. Otherwise things are going as usual.

Planning Board - Betsy Bosiak said the Board passed the medical center proposal conditionally last meeting. Otherwise things are going fine.

Joanne asked about the speed limit request for Route 4 to the Selectmen. Betsy said the Planning Board did not have the money to have a traffic study as requested by the Selectmen. She said there are two studies completed by applicants. At this time the Board is not going forward with the request as they are aware the State is reviewing the section of road also due to potential development.

Welfare Officer - Lisa Cote thanked the Library for the donations to the food pantry. She discussed the additional children needing gifts, saying the number has almost doubled from last year. Joanne, speaking for the Board, thanked Lisa for the work she has done for the town and they are sorry she is leaving as Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk.

Office Staff - Barbara Clark said all is well.

Office Staff - Nancy Wheeler said all is well also. She said this is the final payroll for 2007. She said the last two weeks in December would be paid on January 4th. She asked to have the Department Heads to have a listing of outstanding bills by December 27th and what money they want to encumber.

Nancy said the hearing for grants and donations is December 27th at 6:30 P.M. If the departments have received any in excess of \$5,000.00 or added to their inventories, please give her the information.

Nancy said the IRS has increased the mileage rate as of January 1, 2008 to 50.5 cents.

Nancy said the Board had the engagement letter for Mason & Rich to do the yearly audit. Joni asked if that was 'E' under discussion. Nancy said it was and the number was only an estimate.

Nancy said the Board also had a letter for administrative services for next year. This is stemming from changes in the auditing that needed to be done. She said the town would be receiving a write-up for 2006 regarding an independent audit. She discussed the 2008 audits and financial statements to be generated by Mason & Rich. She said then they would be audited by another firm. She discussed the issues and costs of this.

Nancy had a comment regarding the discussion between Chief Yeaton and Joanne. She said there is one elderly complex in town that pays only the county and town taxes as they do not put any children in the school system.

There was a Board consensus to sign 'E' under discussion.

Nancy said in case the Department Heads do not know the next two Mondays the office closes at 1 :00 P.M. Payroll week the information needed to be in by then.

Joanne asked if anyone had concerns regarding signing the agreement with Mason & Rich to do the quarterly audits. No one did with a consensus to sign it. **Highway Department** - Joanne said they are prepping trees on Center Hill Road for the project.

Mary Frambach said there was a sign saying the road was to be closed up to two hours. She needed to know what time to be out by as she has classes. Barbara said the sign means they will be delaying traffic on and off during a two hour period. Joni asked if the Road Agent had the tree removal forms signed. No one knew.

Barbara will call the Road Agent in the morning and clean up the TV channel regarding the notice. Mary said they do not have cable. Barbara will call Mary.

Non~Public per RSA 91~A:3 II(a) for Personnel

Joanne made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(a) for personnel with Joni seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed with Bob B., Joanne and Joni voting yes.

The Board went into non-public session at 7:46 P.M. returning at 7:58 P.M.

Joni made a motion to seal the non~public minutes with Joanne seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Preve arrived at the meeting and did his Department Head report. He said everything is fine with not much going on. Chief Preve has made arrangements to strip the 2004 cruiser and then he plans to sell it.

Chief Preve said he received a letter of commendation for Officer Kear. The canine went to Pembroke, participating in a drug bust.

Joni asked if there were any sobriety check points planned. Chief Preve said there was the weekend of December 22 and also on December 31.

Chief Preve said Rick Bilodeau took the ATV to UNH and he will be picking it up also. He asked if he could reimburse him for gas for doing this. Joni said it was no problem and to check with Nancy as to the best way to do it.

Chief Preve said he has an issue with how to get to Rochester, New York to testify regarding the fraud case and who is to pay. He is hoping that New York will fly him out. He needs to return for a trial for stolen property here the same week.

Joanne made a motion to take a break with Joni seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a break from 8:07 P.M. to 8:17 P.M.

Joanne had information from DRA regarding revisions to the Warrant Articles. She and Nancy went to a Warrant Article workshop. It was suggested the Article for the backhoe list both options on the ballot and let the voters decide, but it was up to the Board. There

were a lot of questions about this at the Budget Committee meeting. Joni said a lot of investigative work went into it before renting the VOLVO and people do not see that. Joanne discussed issues with it.

Joanne discussed the Warrant Article for Town Offices. She said they have to decide to either do something for town offices or sign another lease for the current building. The revised Article was discussed.

Joanne said the last Article (Fire Chief Raise) was extracted from another Article. Joni was confused as to how this was written up and why the two figures were different. Nancy explained the Article is correct and she had discussed it with DRA.

Final review of Warrant Articles

Decisions on Additional Warrant Article Recommendations and Revisions to Articles previously Voted On

Article Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of constructing or purchasing town Offices and raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to be placed in this fund, and appoint the board of selectmen as agents to expend this fund? Majority vote required; this is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Estimated tax increase \$.16 per thousand

Joni made a motion to recommend this Article 2 with Joanne seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed with 3 yeses.

Discussion occurred about adding the word "renovating" with a consensus to do so. The Article would read:

Article Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of constructing, purchasing or renovating town Offices and raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to be placed in this fund, and appoint the board of selectmen as agents to expend this fund? Majority vote required; this is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget.

Revision

Article: (Originally Article 14): Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) to purchase and install equipment to record and transmit meetings held at the Town Offices? *This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the equipment is installed or by December 31, 2011.*

Joni asked where this was a revision if there was a need for the Board to vote again. Nancy Wheeler suggested they should.

Joni made a motion to recommend Article 14 with Joanne seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed with 3 yeses.

PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE FOR EPSOM FIRE CHIEF

Article: In the event that Article 1 fails and the Town receives a default budget, shall the town of Epsom approve an eight thousand dollar (\$8,000.00) increase in the annual wage of the part time Fire Chief and raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand six hundred twelve dollars (\$8,612.00) to pay the wages, social security and Medicare? Majority vote required; this appropriation would be in addition to the default operating budget.

Nancy discussed the verbiage of this Article may be revised. She said DRA had suggested adding if the budget passes and this Article passes it would be voided. Discussion ensued regarding the Article with Joni saying she would like something in writing regarding the revision. The Article has to be approved by DRA and by Town Counsel.

Joni made a motion to recommend the Article with Joanne seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed with 3 yeses.

Joanne said there were two Articles with DRA suggested Revisions and another that it was recommended the second option for the backhoe be added and let the voters decide.

Article Shall the Town of Epsom approve an increase in the annual wage for all full-time fire and police personnel and appropriate the sum of eighty-two thousand eight hundred and fifteen dollars (\$82,815.00), to pay wages, social security, Medicare and retirement? The increase would be as follows: Police Chief and two (2) supervisors would receive eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) each and eight (8) fulltime employees would receive six thousand dollars (\$6,000) each. Majority vote required; this appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Estimated tax increase .18 per thousand

Article In the event that Article 1 fails and the Town receives a default budget, shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand two hundred sixty-four dollars (\$15,264.00) to pay the third annual payment of the four year lease/purchase

agreement for the Highway F550 truck? Majority vote required; this appropriation is in addition to the default operating budget. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Estimated tax increase .03 per thousand

Article Shall the Town vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of seventy thousand three hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$70,398.00), payable over a term of four (4) years at a rate of seventeen thousand six hundred dollars (\$17,600.00) per year, to purchase the backhoe/loader currently being rented for the highway department and to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand six hundred dollars (\$17,600.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose? If this article passes the operating budget will be reduced by this amount. 3/5 vote required; this is a Special Warrant Article and its appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Estimated tax increase .00 per thousand

Nancy read information from Attorney Bedard with discussion ensuing as to how to word the Article and putting the money in the budget and the default budget. There is not enough money in the budget lines to lease the backhoe and discussion centered on if it should be put into the default budget.

Nancy said they could ask the town to raise and appropriate the first year's payment from the Capital Reserve Fund and then it could be put into the budget the following years. Joni suggested Nancy check to verify if they could put it in the budget the following years. Discussion is to continue on this Article.

Nancy discussed Attorney Bedard's comments regarding the Warrant Articles and the Capital Reserve Funds, wanting the Capital Reserve Fund's name included. It was discussed the town has been wording the Articles this was for many years and it might confuse the people if they change the wording. There was a consensus to leave things as they are.

Joni said the only Article they needed to think about was the backhoe. Discussion ensued regarding this Article. Joanne asked if they should list the make of the machine (VOLVO vs. CAT).

Joanne said the other Warrant Article they needed to discuss was the one submitted for a Town Administrator. Joni said she was not happy with the job descriptions. Joanne said Bob M. was concerned the salary was too high. Joni reiterated her concerns with the job description.

Joanne had talked to Lee Margosian and it was okay with her if the Board reworded the Article to make it more general. Joanne felt if they made it too general then the people would not vote for it.

Joanne thought the salary was too high. She discussed waivers and if they need a Town Administrator. She said if the Board decides they don't want to do this, Lee could write it up and do it as a petition Article.

Joni was not comfortable without putting on without a better job description. It was discussed with Joanne to tell Lee to do it as a Petition Article.

Nancy asked what they were doing with the vacancy in the office. Joni said to fill the current position. Joanne felt they should think about the job description. If there are only going to be three Selectmen next year they might want to change the position to fill the job with a person who would do many of the tasks of a Town Administrator. They need to think about what they want the position to do.

Joni asked Nancy if the office could work with only two people in the office. She suggested having Faith write down her duties. Joanne thought she had with discussion of what they had. Bob B. felt they needed to come up with a better job description.

FOR DISCUSSION

A. Liaison Reports

Joni said BCEP will hold its public hearing on Thursday and then the town would have its number.

Andrew Walton said the Highway Facilities Committee was still working on things.

Joanne said she wanted to clarify something that was done a few weeks ago. She said the Board had voted for a raise for the Fire Chief and had thought at the time the vote would increase the salary for next year and it could be included in the default budget. They have learned it will not go into the default budget.

Bob B. said the Highway Department is done cleaning from the storm. They will start cutting trees on Center Hill Road tomorrow. Joni asked him to verify the tree removal form has been signed by abutters. The form was explained for Bob B. who will do this.

Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3 II(c) for Reputation for Supplemental to Non-Public Minutes

Joni made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(c) for reputation with Joanne seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed with Bob B., Joanne and Joni voting yes.

The Board went into non-public session at 8:45 P.M. returning at 9:22 P.M.

Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3 II(c) for Reputation

Joanne made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(c) for reputation with Joni seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed with Bob B., Joanne and Joni voting yes.

The Board went into non-public session at 9:25 P.M. returning at 9:33 P.M.

Joni made a motion to seal the last two non-public sessions with Joanne seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

FOR DISCUSSION CONTINUED

B. Results of Ethics Committee Letter

Joanne read the information provided by the office. There were 5 responses with two people interested, two not interested and one returned for a bad address. Joanne said they need to choose ten more names with the Board doing this using the Voter Checklist. Joanne will give the names chosen to the office to send a letter to the people.

C. Warrant Article Re: Town Administrator (in packets)

This was done previously.

D. Photo Submissions for Town Report

The pictures submitted were reviewed with one being chosen to use for the cover of the town Report. It is a picture of the Meetinghouse being moved.

E. Mason & Rich Engagement Letter

This item was done previously.

F. Set Date to Meet with Meetinghouse Committee

This was discussed with January 15th at 6:00 P.M. being the time chosen.

G. Offer to do Community Service - 20 Hours a Week

The letter was reviewed with it being determined to send a notice to all Department Heads for requests to be forwarded to the person.

H. Request for Historical Review, Tower Site

Joanne reviewed the letter and explained the request. It will be forwarded to the Historical Association.

I. Resignation Notice

Joanne read the resignation notice from Faith Douclos whose last day will be December 28th. She was requesting a public exit interview with Joanne to be present. Bob B. is to schedule the interview.

J. NHDES Wetlands Permit/Center Hill Road

Joanne reviewed saying they had the permit from DES to reconstruct the bridge on Center Hill Road.

K. ElderTrust vs. Town of Epsom

Joanne said this item was not for public reading. The board members reviewed individually with a consensus to have Nancy Wheeler contact Attorney Bedard L. Question & Answer Sheet from town Clerk Re: Amendment to Minutes This item was previously done.

M. Question & Answer Sheet from Road Agent Re: Vacation

Joanne read the request from the Road Agent to carry over to next summer vacation time. Joni asked what he had for vacation time. There was a consensus to allow this request.

N. Discuss Meeting Date for First Week in January

Joni said the meeting has been set for January 2, 2007 at 5:00 P.M.

LL. Centrix Bank Re: Reduction of Irrevocable Letter of Credit

Joanne read the letter. Betsy said this is completed as the town has received a Maintenance Bond from the developer. Joni explained when a Maintenance Bond is in effect the Letter of Credit is null and void.

MM. Response to Request for Waiver of inventory Penalties

Joanne said the applicant had sent another letter with further information, which she reviewed. There was a Board consensus they would not have replied differently even with this information.

Review Minutes

Non-Public to Review Non-Public Minutes as Listed Below

Joni asked Bob B. to have this item removed from the agenda. To go into non-public session for this continues many non-publics every meeting. Joni noted this on the mark up agenda.

Bruce Graham questioned not being allowed to speak during the meeting. He said the purpose of the Board was for the people of Epsom and to not allow them to have a say in our business was wrong. He thanked Bob B. for allowing him to speak.

Bob B. quoted from the RSA. Mary Frambach asked which RSA with Joni saying 91-A.

Joanne said she agreed with Bruce. She said most nights there are people who make it difficult to get their work done. Bob B. has said it is to allow the Board to get their work done. He has made a decision to restrict public discussion. Joni hoped this would change after the first of the year. She said they did the same thing last year during budget season.

Bruce said he heard a discussion where the Board only had partial information and members of the audience had more information. Further discussion ensued.

Mary said Bob B. has not only limited public discussion, but eliminated it.

Andrew Walton asked who dictates what is put on the board at the Fire Station. He was told the Fire Department. He suggested putting some of the articles on it and also on the Web site and in the newspapers. He felt this was a way to educate the people and

discussed how to educate the people on the Warrant Articles. Joni said this was what the deliberative session was for.

Joanne said it was not necessarily appropriate for members of the Board to promote things, but other people in town could write letters. Discussion ensued.

Rob Topik asked when something comes to the Board that should go to Legal Counselor the Board should go into a non~public session and it is decided to do this, does the Board send word back to where it comes from. Rob discussed there ought to be a way to take public input with a time limit. If a meeting is to be closed to the public then it should be put on the agenda the week before. Bob B. said no they could not and it was also asked if they could go to the ZCO with the answer also being no.

Bob B. said if the Board wants a non-public and they get the request in before noon on Friday then it is on the agenda if the Chairman approves it.

Rob discussed the Board receiving a letter from Jay Hickey and if the letter was public. Joanne said it was not submitted as confidential. Bob B. said all people affected have a copy of the letter. Discussion ensued people should not be able to go to the office and get a copy of this letter.

Rob asked if someone could waive another person's right to confidentiality with a Board consensus they could not.

Joanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Joni seconding the motion.

Bob B. asked if there was any discussion on the motion. There being no discussion on the motion, Bob B. called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob B. adjourned the meeting at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Bosiak
Recording Secretary