

**January 22, 2013**  
**Selectmen's Meeting/Approved Minutes**

Present: Selectmen: R.P. McGinnity Chairman, A. Richards, C. Moser & A.A. Milkovits  
Also present: Deputy Treasurer Garth Fletcher

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM. The check manifest was reviewed and approved.

**Agenda:**

**Appointments:**

1. Police Chief Barry Hutchins met with the Board to discuss increasing the PD Part-time wages budget line. A non-public session was called at 7:31 pm to discuss personnel issue. Present were: Selectmen, Police Chief Hutchins and A. A. Milkovits. Selectmen decided to pay for vacation time for the departing full-time officer. Chief Hutchins questioned where the vacation time will be posted in the PD budget. He had only budgeted for 3 full-time officers' vacation time in the part-time wages budget and is concerned that he will be over budget in that line with the extra already paid out. After more discussion, the Board made the decision not to increase the part-time wages line in the PD budget, feeling that the Chief could manage the 2013 budget as presented, to include the extra vacation payment. More discussion ensued over the vacation policy. The Selectmen will review the policy at a later date. Session ended at 7:46 PM.
2. Conservation Commission members: Ch. Robert Larochelle, Liz Fletcher, Anna Faiello, and Barbara Devore met to discuss the encroachment problem with Bracketts on Starch Mill Road to the Conservation Easement. For the past few years the Conservation Commission has been requesting that the Bracketts move their tarp shed (portable) and grill from the property line on the Conservation Easement property. The Bracketts have 8.38 acres which abuts the conservation easement completely. There has been a lack of response to the Con Com letter from the Bracketts. The Conservation Commission would like to have the Selectmen as the Ordinance enforcers pursue this matter against the Bracketts. The Town could file a suit for permanent injunction against Bracketts. After more discussion, it was decided that the Selectmen will send a certified letter to the Bracketts to order them to move the shed and grill. In deference to the problem of frozen ground, the deadline to move the shed was set at May 1, 2013. The Bracketts will be reminded in the Board's letter that there will be further action taken if the shed is not moved. Selectmen will have Building Inspector Kenneth Wilson check for compliance.

**Selectmen reviewed the following:**

**Old Business:**

1. Re: Minutes – Selectmen Meeting minutes from January 8, 2013 and Budget Meeting minutes from January 15, 2013 were approved as written.
2. Re: Request for \$3250 from road bond from Hopkins Forestry – Travelers Insurance Company, issuer of the bond for Hopkins, has requested proof before releasing the money. In response, the Selectmen will send a letter with photos of Abbott Hill Road to Travelers. A reminder cancellation notice for the bond for Hopkinton Forestry & Land Clearing, Inc., date to cancel February 14, 2013, was received.

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3. Re: Settlement Meeting: Calphams Bedford Holdings, LLC paperwork- the interest will be recalculated to the new assessments of the lots. The abatement will be applied directly to the taxes and interest owed. Some of the 2010 taxes were paid so the refund abatement will be figured at 6% for those taxes.
4. Re: Town/School Report – email received from part-time Business Manager Wiley has indicated that the school only wishes to pay one third of the bill for the printer for the joint town/school report, for less than sixty copies of the report. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative by the Board to have a single town report which will not include the school report. The school district may do their own report. A letter will be sent to Mrs. Wiley to inform her of this decision.
5. From FCC, Washington, DC: notice of Section 106 Filing by AT&T for Mason Congregational Church location.

**New Business:**

1. Conservation Easement Monitoring Report - lot E-1, owner MacGarvey
2. Veteran's Credit applications: Kullmann, lot L-2-1, 103 Briggs Road, Wilborg, lot F-37-3, 791 Brookline Road. Selectmen approved Mr. Wilborg's application for this tax year. There were some questions on length of residency of Mr. Kullman as the application requires a one year NH residency prior to the April 1<sup>st</sup> year of application. He will be sent a letter requesting to provide proof of this residency.
3. Occupancy question: Stanley Brown, 61 Darling Hill, had submitted a legal and mailing change of address to the Town Clerk for his Starch Mill Road property. Building Inspector Wilson will be contacted to see if Mr. Brown's construction is ready for an Occupancy Permit.
4. From Tax Collector: 2012 MS-61
5. From D.E.S.: Underground Storage Tank Facility Compliance Inspection Notice of Findings. All corrections have been made.
6. From Town of Wilton: Fourth Quarter report on Recycling Center and 2013 budget.
7. Building Permit: #13-01 Town of Mason PD, lot E-73, generator
8. Police logs
9. Application for lot line adjustment: Moran, lots F-26 & H-32/It was noted that there is a mistake on the title of the plan; lots are named H-26 & H-32, instead of F-26 & H-32. Jennifer DiNovo, NRPC Circuit Rider has been contacted to have the plan title corrected. Note was made that the application, fees and plan for this lot line adjustment were not sent to the Selectmen's Office as required in the Planning Board's application. It is necessary to have the application and plans ahead of the hearing date for public review. A reminder will be sent to the Planning Board and copy to the NRPC Circuit Rider to correct this matter for the future.
10. Other:
  - Copies of letters from LGC to auditors.
  - Quote from Athol Press for printing Town Report
  - Complaint on "junkyard" neighborhood by John Diefenbach- A response will be sent to Mr. Diefenbach, acknowledging his email and to inform

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him that those property owners were notified previously to clean up their properties.

- Preliminary 2013 Town Warrant: Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on their proposed warrant article before town meeting. Selectmen set the dates for the final budget meeting for Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and the hearing for the SB 2 article for February 12<sup>th</sup>. It was decided to dedicate the 2012 Town Report to George Schwenk for his many years of service to the Town of Mason and for his generosity in donating the quarry to the Conservation Commission. A photo of the Mason Quarry will be on the cover of the Town Report.
- Other correspondence

Selectmen signed an Intent to Cut for Matthew and Beth LeClair for lots K-55, 56 and 57.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara L. Milkovits  
Administrative Assistant