

**April 22, 2014**  
**Selectmen's Meeting/Approved Minutes**

Present: Selectmen: Chairman, C. Moser, B. O'Grady & A.A. Milkovits  
14 residents were present.

**Agenda:**

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM. The check manifest and payroll manifests were reviewed and approved.

Minutes from April 8, 2014 were reviewed. A letter from Barbara Milkovits concerning misquotes in statements allegedly made by her at her appointment with the Board at that meeting, was submitted to the Selectmen. After reviewing the letter, Chairman Moser declared that the original draft minutes were part of the Selectmen's meeting and the two Selectmen present voted not to amend the minutes and to make the letter part of Mrs. Milkovits' personnel file. The Selectmen voted to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2014 meeting as drafted.

**Appointments:**

1. Paula & Jeff Babel, Hurricane Hill Road, met with the Board concerning a road maintenance complaint. Mrs. Babel contended that there were berms a foot high, on the sides of Hurricane Hill Road. She stated that she had called the Highway Department and was told that the areas would be fixed. She stated that the situation was not remedied and she took care of the berms herself. She also complained about potholes in various areas of town and concern for how the potholes were being filled.

Road Agent Greenwood was present for the meeting and presented photos of Hurricane Hill Road, with berms straightened out and not a foot high. He explained that waterways were cut in to allow water to run off.

Chairman Moser stated that he had ridden over Hurricane Hill Road and noted some wind rows on sides of the road. He was concerned that the wind rows may not allow water to pass through. There was also concern for the gravel on the stonewalls. Selectman O'Grady agreed with the concerns of the residents. Mr. Babel also questioned the work done with the backhoe. He felt that the grader could have done the job better than loader.

Constance Lacasse also complained about a berm at end of her driveway. She felt that there are serious "cuts" on the road. Mr. Babel questioned where does the material end up? The material goes back to the sand pit for recycling and possibly to be screened. After more discussion, Road Agent Greenwood stated that he would send out workers to again rake out the edges of berms on roads.

Selectmen questioned whether there is a training schedule for highway workers.

They will discuss this issue at the next meeting. Meanwhile they will monitor the situation on roads.

**Selectmen reviewed the following:**

**Old Business:**

1. Re: Garland Lumber bond failure/Forester Downs/Response to NHTOA.  
Chairman Moser will work on letter.
2. Re: Copier for use by PB, BOA & Con Com – recommendations: Brother DCP8155DN. A.A. Milkovits will order the copier and an extra toner. These

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- expenses will be split between the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission and Election budget lines.
3. Re: Spacht land inquiry, lots A-13 & A-30 – A request will be sent to town assessor Todd Haywood to assess the properties and report back to the Selectmen.
  4. Re: Quarry Policy: Chairman Moser will get together with Con Com member Liz Fletcher to work on the ordinance for use of the quarry.
  5. Re: Lamy - Veterans' Credit application – approved
  6. Re: Accukeep contract, insurance, etc./This contract for \$250 per week until the end of May and \$200 per week thereafter for bookkeeping and accounting of the town's finances (including balancing and adjusting all accounts from October to the present) with Accukeep President Brenda Wiley was approved and signed by the Board.
  7. Re: Update on timber warrants: First 2014 warrant was corrected for spelling and date errors and signed.
  8. Re: Temporary Driveway Permits – work in progress on driveway ordinance. Selectmen are hoping that this will give some “teeth” to enforcement of road bond for logging projects.
  9. Re: Response to Gail Simmons – concerning refund of dog license fee – letter was signed by Board that explained the reason for dog licenses as set by the state. No policy was established on refunding dog licenses.
  10. Re: Blair Junkyard Renewal – letter signed by Board to direct Building Inspector Anderson to inspect Blair property per court orders.
  11. Re: Minutes of Budget mtgs. 10/22/13, 12/03/13, 12/17/13, 01/21/14, 02/04/14 – Chairman sent emails to Martha Ward and Carlotta Pini concerning these missing minutes. Ms. Ward was present and stated that she had given the earlier budget meeting minutes to Ms. Pini to forward to the Selectmen for approval. All these minutes are still missing.
  12. Re: Ocwen vs. Ruggiero & Town of Mason update. Mortgage company is waiting to foreclose on the original lot of Mr. Ruggiero. However land was added to the property that was to be foreclosed, through a lot line adjustment. The Town of Mason's position to the mortgage company is to foreclose over the entire piece. The position is to defend the Town zoning ordinance in this suit.
  13. Re: Jon Bryan CU Approval status – Check sent by Mr. Bryan to town office for the recording of his current use application has been missing. A.A. will call the Registry to see if the Mr. Bryan's check was sent by mistake without the application.

**New Business:**

1. 2014 TAN Approval – A motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative by the Selectmen to approve the application for the 2014 TAN for \$720,000 at 1.76%, with a maturity date of December 31, 2014 from People's United Bank. Selectmen, Treasurer Patricia Letourneau, Town Clerk Debra Morrison, and Bookkeeper Brenda Wiley all signed the closing documents for the 2014 TAN. First draw will be for \$350,000 for issue date, April 23, 2014. Selectmen thanked all for their help in pulling the TAN together.

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2. From DRA: Equalization ratio for 2013 is set for 116.1%. Median ratio is 119.5%. This is the highest EQ ratio that the town has ever had. Selectmen will have town assessor Todd Haywood come to next meeting to discuss EQ Ratio.
3. From Walter Alford, 1479 Starch Mill Road, an inventory extension request per RSA 74:8. Selectmen voted to accept the inventory as timely filed.
4. Implementation of Luminos/FSA Health Plan –Questions were: is quote still valid and where is the quote; how to set up health savings account; if an employee leaves soon after implementing the new plan, does the employee retain the \$5,000 from the account; who will be third party administrator. Selectman O'Grady stated that former Selectman McGinnity had the information on the health plan. The two Selectmen present thought the plan was through Anthem not HealthTrust. Selectmen decided to contact Mr. McGinnity and set up a work session with him and Selectman O'Grady and A. A. Milkovits to work on this issue. Sel. O'Grady will contact Mr. McGinnity to set up a meeting.
5. Implementation of spending limit (\$1,000) authorization for department heads. Selectmen signed and approved this directive that will be distributed to all departments.
6. Non-public session was called by Chairman Moser at 8:17 PM for a question of reputation. Present were Selectmen Moser and O'Grady, Bookkeeper B. Wiley and A.A. Milkovits. Session ended at 8:23 PM. A motion was made, seconded and voted in the affirmative to seal the minutes.
7. Notice of BOA Hearing on May 19, 2014 for McDonald, 9 Old Ashby Road, application for a variance to setbacks for a shed. Clerk Letourneau invited the Selectmen to come to the meeting. The Chairman will attend.
8. Request from Clayton Williams for a hearing to build a porch on his house located at 81 Old Ashby Road in the Historic Preservation District. Hearing will be set for May 13, 2014, time to be determined by Chairman.
9. Other:
  - From Betti Goen, resident –gave the name of painting contractor to the Board – Wright Painting.
  - LCHIP Grant deadline letter – possibly apply for funds to repair Town Hall and the old schoolhouse on Valley Road. Unfortunately these would have to be matching funds which would be difficult at this time. Selectmen will re-visit this issue at a later date.
  - Trust Funds Balance Sheet
  - Forwarded email from Police Chief Hutchins concerning appreciation from Farrell family on Brookline Road for Officer Aaron Thompson's response to their call for police to check on a suspicious driver. The driver turned out to be someone trying to rescue "crossing" Salamanders!
  - Update from Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster.
  - Congratulations to newest elected Selectman, Louise Lavoie from State Senator Peggy Gilmore.
  - Other correspondence

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10. Public Forum – Several residents had various road maintenance complaints. Selectmen explained that they appreciated hearing the residents' complaints to know what's what.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara L. Milkovits  
Administrative Assistant