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Board of Selectmen

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Board of Selectmen Minutes December 2, 2013

Chairman Burns convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Draper Room of the Town Hall and moved into the agenda. Present: Chairman Robert Burns; Selectwoman Janet Orff Jacaruso; Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer; Fire Chief Thomas Daige, and Videographer Jeff Ellis.

MSDV to approve the regular minutes of November 18, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye;
Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

MSDV to approve the executive minutes of November 18, 2013. Chairman Burns – Aye;
Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye.

Chairman Burns moved to correspondence on the agenda.

There was no discussion held.

Chairman Burns moved to appointments and resignations on the agenda.

Resignation – Matthew Berger Call Firefighter / EMT

MSDV voted to accept the resignation of Matthew Berger Call Firefighter / EMT.
Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye

Appointments – Chief Daigle asked that this item be moved to the next agenda.

MSDV voted to table appointments and move it to the next agenda. Chairman Burns – Aye;
Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye

Chairman Burns moved to new business on the agenda.

MMA Annual Meeting and Trade Show – Selectwoman Janet Orff Jacaruso and Selectwoman Sandra Biagetti and Town Coordinator Steve Sette plan to attend the Annual MMA and Trade Show in Boston January 24 & 25, 2014.

Chapter 90 Reimbursement

MSDV voted to approve and sign the Chapter 90 Reimbursement for \$44,889.05
Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye

Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid

Chief Daige said the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) sent a letter back in 2011 asking the Town to participate in the Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid. He reminded the board that the law is designed to allow municipalities to share emergency services and under a separate agreement public works resources. Chief Daige is the appointed Emergency Management Director and said the Town would need to “opt-in” to participate in the Emergency Management mutual aid. Selectwoman Jacaruso asked how many Towns are currently participating and Chief Daige responded “Two-thirds of all Towns in the State are participating at this time”. Selectwoman Jacaruso requested more time to review the information and asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting.

MSDV voted to table the Statewide Emergency Management Mutual Aid and move it to the next agenda. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye

Agreement Ambulance Receivable Account Abatements

Fire Chief Daige asked the Board to approve abating \$80K plus in uncollectable fees owed to the Ambulance receivable account. Chief Daige explained that according to Coastal Medical the ambulance billing company, this money has been uncollectable for over ten years and Coastal has exhausted all efforts to collect the overdue accounts. He said abating these old accounts will give a more accurate accounting of the outstanding receivables. Current collections are being made in the high 90%.

MSDV voted to abate the outstanding ambulance receivables in the amount of \$80,127.35 uncollectable for the period through 2004-2009. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye

Chairman Burns moved to old business on the agenda

There was no discussion held.

Chairman Burns moved to other topics not previously anticipated at the meeting

Chairman Burns discussed that there is still a streetlight on where the school buses used to be parked behind the Draper Building. Mr. Burns said Fitzgerald Dr. is not a public way and he said the streetlight should be turned off.

MSDV voted to turn off the streetlight located behind the Draper Building on Fitzgerald Street. Chairman Burns – Aye; Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye

Chairman Burns moved to Coordinator news on the agenda

There was no discussion held.

With no further business before them at 7:21 p.m., a motion was made by Selectwoman Jacaruso

and agreed to by Chairman Burns to adjourn the open meeting, and to enter into executive session, not to reconvene in regular session, under G.L. c.30A, §21(a) (3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, and that the reason for this Executive Session is because the Chair has declared that discussing this matter in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Town; and I as Chairman so declare; not to reconvene but to adjourn directly upon conclusion of the closed discussion.

MSDV to enter into executive session, not to return to open session meeting, and not to reconvene.

RCV**: Robert Burns, Chm. – Aye
Selectwoman Jacaruso – Aye

Robert P. Burns, Chairman

Janet Orff Jacaruso

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*Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted **Roll Call Vote