

Board of Selectmen Minutes  
December 21, 2004

Chairmen Gill called the meeting to order 6:00 PM at the Town Hall Auditorium with members Charles Coldwell, Joseph Gill, Doug Sears, Jerome Selissen and John Ryan present. Town Manager Dave Cressman, Town Counsel Charles Zaroulis and Recording Secretary Heather Tecce were also present.

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Scheduled Agenda Items:

1. Regular business: none
2. Residents: none

Town Manager:

3. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan to post Dispatcher vacancy, second by Mr. Sears and The Board voted unanimously.
4. **Motion** by Mr. Selissen to pay labor counsel invoice, second by Mr. Ryan and The Board voted unanimously.
5. Mr. Cressman informed the board he will be appointing Michele Stein as Project Manager as of January 3, 2005.
6. Mr. Cressman informed the board he will be appointing Michael Brothers as SHMEO, Public Works Dept. as of January 3, 2005.
7. Mr. Cressman informed the board he will be appointing Jennifer Burke as Library Clerical Assistant as of January 3, 2005.
8. Mr. Cressman informed the board he will be appointing Lynne Whitney as Senior Account Clerk, Auditor's Office as of January 3, 2005.

Mr. Cressman informed the board that the Town's water ban has been lifted. He received a faxed letter this evening and beginning tomorrow the town will be issuing public notices.

9. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan to approve minutes from October 19, 2004 (reg sess.), November 9, 2004 (reg sess.) and November 23, 2004 (reg and exec. sess) and upon approval we release executive session minutes of November 23, 2004, second by Mr. Sears and the board voted unanimously. Mr. Cressman asked if the board wishes ratify the agreement in public that was voted on in executive session. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan to ratify the agreement that was voted in executive session on November 23, 2004 relating to Deputy Layne, second by Mr. Selissen and the board voted 4 in favor, 1 opposed. The Chairman polled the board, Ryan yes, Selissen yes, Sears no, Coldwell yes, and Gill yes.
10. Reports: **Mr. Ryan** reported on the crime statistic, stating that according to this report by Chief Donovan crime rates have gone down. **Chief Donovan** then appeared before the board stating that crime rates have gone down in town in all categories. He believes this has to do with the new officers being proactive. This is not a statewide occurrence, similar communities rates went up.

**Motion** by Mr. Ryan to send letter to Police Chief congratulating him on this report and this letter be shared with the rank in file to let them all know how much this board appreciates the good job they are doing, second by Mr. Sears and the Board voted unanimously.

**Mr. Selissen** has been receiving calls regarding street lights and would like to let residents know that they can get access to Mass. Electric on the Town's website and Mr. Cressman will make a call to Mass. Electric requesting that they speed up their response time for the street light outages. **Mr. Sears** received clarification that Mr. Selissen will be drafting a sick time policy. **Mr. Coldwell** would like to get (3) estimates for a new heating system in Town Hall and compare these to the repair costs. **Mr. Gill**, the next meeting will be January 4, 2005 and wished all residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

11. **Motion** by Mr. Coldwell to issue Common Victualler License to Perfecto's Caffee, second by Mr. Sears and the Board voted unanimously.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be January 4, 2005 at 7:15 PM at Town Hall Auditorium

Motion by Mr. Selissen to adjourn at 6:25 PM and second by Mr. Sears and the board voted unanimously. Polled all yes.

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John Ryan, Clerk