

**TOWN OF WEBSTER**  
**Office of Selectmen**  
**945 Battle Street/Rte. 127**  
**Webster, NH 03303**

6:34 pm Selectmen's Meeting – January 7, 2013

Selectmen present: Chairman George Cummings, Selectman Bruce Johnson and Selectman Roy Fanjoy.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the Work Session Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held December 26, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.
- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the Regular Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held December 26, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy and approved.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept non-public minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held December 26, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Special Meeting – Non-Meeting held January 2, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.
- Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Non-public Meeting held January 2, 2013 as written; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved. These minutes are not sealed.
- An abatement for \$38 for the Tax Collector as approved at the last Selectmen's meeting.

Chairman Cummings advised that the office was able to procure at no cost 100 "NH Made" decals that will be mailed to the Town from the organization contacted at [www.nhmade.com](http://www.nhmade.com). His interest was piqued after an ad on the internet about how if each person spent \$64 on Christmas gifts on US made products, that it would add billions of dollars to the US economy. He would like to distribute these decals to the various organizations and at Town functions.

Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham advised that her items on the agenda were discussed earlier at the budget meeting.

Police Chief Dupuis advised the Board of the following:

- There were 30 calls for service in the last two weeks with the highlights read.
- Reporting on the flashing school lights, he read a portion of the Statute relative to having flashing lights on for 45 minutes at each end of the school day, resulting in a 10 mph reduction in speed. He advised that the speed limit could be changed, but only after conducting an engineering or traffic investigation. He further advised that the speed could not be lower than 25 mph in certain districts. Selectman Johnson noted that he just wanted to have the lights flashing during the school hours, which Chief Dupuis indicated would not be allowed. Flashing lights all the time would require different signage such as "Proceed with Caution, School Ahead", but the signs could not say a reduction in speed. Selectman Johnson asked if this were a "dead issue" with Chief Dupuis indicating that, as the school personnel is interested in a reduction of speed, he would look into this further and give a report at the next meeting. He also indicated that any change would be up to the State as this is a State road. He did have concerns that any speed reduction posted would be in effect all year, not just during the school year. Discussion continued regarding other concerns.
- There will be a non-public session with Chief Dupuis to discuss personnel at the end of the meeting.

Fire Chief Colin Colby advised the Board of the following:

- There were a total of 148 calls in 2012, with no breakdown available at this time. There were 174 calls in 2011.
- There have been zero calls in 2013, with Chief Colby saying that it was a great way to start the year.
- The next Capital Area Meeting is next Thursday in Loudon.
- The Forestry Truck will have the new body put on between January 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

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- The Thermal Imaging Camera has not yet arrived, but a demo unit will be provided to the Department so that they can practice using it.

Road Agent Emmett Bean advised that the winter started good with two storms, but is slower now. He has had a delivery of salt in preparation for the next round. Chief Dupuis advised that he had a replacement 25 mph speed sign for Pillsbury Lake, which Mr. Bean will install. Mr. Bean will also put up the new Handicap sign at the Town Hall.

Treasurer Mary Smith advised that all is well.

Franco Rossi, from Cartographic Associates, Inc., after thanking the Board for using his mapping company for our digital data needs after the retirement of Don Dollard, gave a slide presentation of the web based GIS system available to communities at a fee, which many communities are now using. This would be the next step to expand the use of the maps by linking tabular data to the maps, as long as a web browser is available. This would be available to the public as well, as long as it was not password protected. Currently the maps are viewed through the use of Auto-CAD software, which requires periodic updating, with no capability to query the maps. This would not preclude the need to keep hard copies of the tax maps permanently, even if in a digital format. He then proceeded to demonstrate the versatility of the data, viewing a typical map aerial view like Google earth. The maps are linked to the assessing data, showing whatever the community chooses to make available, to include photos, etc. This program allows the user to view sections of the map in various sizes, show abutters within a certain radii, print abutter labels, etc. He explained that the GIS system does not recognize breaks in the map making it more user friendly. He explained that the startup cost would be no more than \$2,500, which could be reduced to \$1,900 because of the data from Don Dollard, with an annual support fee currently of \$1,800. There is an additional \$900 annual fee if password protection of data is required with up to five user names, further explaining what this would entail. He offered to spread out the cost of set-up over a three-year contract for support. After that period of time, it would then be \$1,800 annually for the support fee. There would be a link on the site so that the office staff could update assessing data as records change in our assessing data.

Chairman Cummings noted that the Board had hoped to continue budget discussions tonight and the need for possibly three non-public sessions, which could last well into the evening. He suggested that the Board meet on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to continue work on the budget and non-public sessions. Selectman Fanjoy would be available until 7:00 pm that night.

Chairman Cummings reviewed the files and maps for the Special Exception approved at a West Wind Village property, noting that there were no surveys depicting the road location on file. The work on the garage has started and significant progress has been made at this site. If it is determined that the building is in violation, it would be necessary for the owner to apply for a variance or move the building to be in compliance.

Selectman Johnson read the response from Local Government Staff Attorney Paul Sanderson regarding dooimage as discussed at the last meeting. This would be a one-time assessment of four times the value times the tax rate of that which was not reported on the Inventory of Taxable Property. It was noted that the Statute stated “shall” not “may” to apply this penalty.

After discussion it was decided to have Mrs. Pinkham purchase a replacement doorbell for the handicap entrance into the Town Hall.

Selectman Johnson reported that someone will come to talk to the Energy Committee at their next meeting on Wednesday about solar panels for the Public Safety Building. He advised that he found a company that works with municipalities and does not charge any upfront fees, only that amount which was for the usual energy cost, until the system is paid off. He was uncertain as to how long this might be or any interest charges that might be incurred, though he suggested a 12-year timeframe. Chairman Cummings inquired as to life expectancy of the panels, which will be discussed at the Energy Committee Meeting as well. Mr. Bean requested that he be notified by phone of these meetings as he does not have

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e-mail. Mrs. Jones will notify him when she receives notice to post the meetings.

Chairman Cummings requested that the Board review the budget worked on tonight for further discussion on January 14<sup>th</sup>. He inquired if Mr. Bean would be available, tentatively at 4:00 pm, to discuss his contract that evening as well. Mr. Bean confirmed that he would. Chairman Cummings will e-mail Mr. Bean a copy of his contract for his review prior to Monday.

8:14 pm Selectman Johnson made a motion to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) regarding personnel issues with Police Chief Dupuis; seconded by Selectman Fanjoy. Roll call: Chairman Cummings – yes; Selectman Johnson – yes; and Selectman Fanjoy – yes. Mrs. Jones was not requested to attend.

9:25 Chairman Cummings reconvened the meeting advising that the Board discussed personnel issues with Chief Dupuis. These minutes will be become public within a week or two, but not at this time.

Immediately following Selectman Fanjoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.

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**George C. Cummings, Chairman**  
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