

Town of Chester
Board of Selectmen
Thursday, May 12, 2011
7:00 PM
Approved Minutes

I. **Preliminaries**

1.1 *Call the Meeting to Order*

Chairman Stephen Landau called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Chester to order at 7:00 PM.

1.2 *Roll Call*

Chairman Landau took roll call.

Members present:

Jack Cannon
Michael Weider
Joe Castricone
Chairman Stephen Landau
Gene Charron

Members of the Public present:

Michael Oleson, Road Agent
Leroy Scott
Carolyn Scott
Matt Rittenhouse, Tri Town Times
Angela Sherwood, who was seated with the Board
Patricia Martin, BOS Administrative Assistant
Rhonda Lamphere
Dr. Joseph Hagan
Chuck Myette
Cindy LeBlanc
Brad Wamsley

1.3 *Pledge of Allegiance*

Chairman Landau led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.4 *Chairman's Additions or Deletions*

Chairman Landau asked for additions and deletions of which **Mr. Michael Weider** had two additions regarding pending litigations, which would be discussed in non-public session. **Mr. Joe Castricone** had one addition on public reputation and **Mr. Jack Cannon** had an additional public reputation. **Chairman Landau** had one addition to

introduce **Ms. Cindy LeBlanc**, the new chairman of the Spring Hill Farm, regarding the Spring Hill Farm lease.

1.5 *Public Comment:*

Mr. Castricone wanted to thank Matt Rittenhouse on the “really nice” article in the Tri Town Times recently published to which everyone applauded.

Mr. Cannon extended his congratulations to **Chairman Landau** on his re-election on Tuesday, as well as all those who were elected to public office.

With no further comment **Chairman Landau** moved on.

II. **Old Business**

Chairman Landau stated that approval of minutes would be held for the moment and moved to New Business.

III. **New Business**

3.1 **Chairman Landau** moved to the first order of business, which was regarding the Snow Plow fund and called Chester Road Agent, **Mr. Mike Oleson** up to the table. **Chairman Landau** stated he had requested for **Mr. Oleson** to provide photographs of vehicles similar to the one he was proposing so that the townspeople would know what the vehicle would look like. **Mr. Oleson** came forward with the photos and stated that they were examples of what the 6-wheeler he was proposing would look like. The make has not been confirmed but the photos represent similar models. He believed they were some of Bedford’s trucks from last year. **Chairman Landau** indicated he would have copies of the photos ready for the Town Meeting.

Mr. Oleson stated that he was present to speak on the Plow Fund and what the Board wanted to move from the account into the budget so that the department could continue to operate. **Mr. Cannon** questioned what the totals on his handout meant and what was to be transferred. **Mr. Weider** explained what was winter road maintenance and as of this day, the winter road maintenance was \$85,021.83.

Mr. Oleson stated he hoped to be able to put a wear course on Hale True Road. He would like to be able to use whatever funds were left to pave a complete road. It may be a cul-de-sac; and he was trying to avoid doing patches or fractional miles on surfaces because it wouldn’t be completed. His thought was the department could do Hale True and that would tie into the road bond, if the Town obtains that. **Mr. Cannon** asked for an estimated cost of that. **Mr. Oleson** estimated somewhere around \$40,000 to do Hale True and shim an overlay.

Mr. Weider indicated there was \$18,979 in the account presently. **Mr. Oleson** replied that there is a bill for approximately \$4,900 coming in for crack coating, which was done last week. It was already in the works before the budget was frozen. **Mr. Oleson** indicated he had to justify the budget and many rentals of equipment and purchasing of

gravel for the March flooding. Also, repairs were up.

Mr. Cannon asked what **Mr. Oleson** thought he needed. **Mr. Oleson** indicated somewhere around \$75,000. **Ms. Angela Sherwood** stated that the overages with plowing, overtime and salt comes to \$76,557.20. She also stated that there was a new projected which she furnished to the Board and the total left in the budget is \$11,434.11 as the projection changed slightly than what the Board had in their current folders. She indicated that a few things had shifted; and she showed \$36,987.80 left in the entire budget.

Mr. Cannon asked if the balance of this \$36,000 account for making the lines, which would have been funded, winter maintenance fund or does it keep those numbers as they are. **Ms. Sherwood** answered that no money had been taken out. There was further discussion on the needs of the department, ways of providing those funds either from funds left over in the budget, reducing the request of the \$75,000 and combining that with the overages in the budget.

There was some concern over shortages for the department and Warrant Article 17 not being covered and the liability on the Town. **Mr. Oleson** asked what the Warrant Article had to do with his funding. **Mr. Weider** indicated that the \$30,000 for the Warrant Article needed to be used from the \$36,000 currently left in the budget if the Warrant Article is to pass. **Mr. Oleson** asked what that has to do with moving \$50,000 out of the winter maintenance to put back into the highway budget so that the department can continue to operate during the year. **Ms. Sherwood** indicated her projections show an overage of approximately \$11,000. There was more discussion regarding actual versus projected figures and that the projections were for salaries and gas and oil to run the equipment. **Mr. Cannon** stated the decision was to put anything into the fund to get a piece of road done and whether the road is done or not, **Mr. Oleson** can still get Hale True done. **Mr. Oleson** said it could be done with some money taken from next year's fund.

Mr. Cannon asked if **Mr. Oleson** was comfortable with the projections and those numbers. **Mr. Oleson** stated he couldn't stop answering the phones and responding to the Town and higher costs on equipment are still needed. For example, the chipper head just cracked and he didn't think it was replaceable as it was made in the 70's. **Mr. Weider** indicated there was one crated at the military sight available for whatever they asked for it and if that was already sold, he could order another as they provide them all over the country. **Mr. Oleson** indicated he would call right away and check into it.

Mr. Cannon asked what would **Mr. Oleson** do if the Warrant Article 14 doesn't pass. **Mr. Oleson** indicated that that was up to the Town. If they don't want to replenish it and not have the roads plowed, then they will get less service. The Warrant Article is currently at \$75,000, and there was some discussion on the cost for the taxpayers. Currently it is 13¢/1000 at 75,000 and at 50,000 it is a third of that, or 8-9¢/1000. There was more discussion on Warrant Articles intertwined with these funding discussions and **Chairman Landau's** correspondence with the Town attorney on how to revert back any funds received from grants back into the Capital Reserve Fund, which meant there would be no tax impact. **Mr. Cannon** stated he was not interested on shutting down the

department. **Mr. Weider** concurred and asked if the department can do with \$30,000. **Mr. Oleson** indicated he would do what he had to do, but if an emergency occurs, there would be trouble as he wouldn't be able to do any asphalt. There was further discussion on what to present to the Town at the Town Meeting.

Mr. Oleson asked if he could "change his hat from the road agent to taxpayer." The liability currently hanging should just be paid. The Town shouldn't "penalize" other departments to cover that cost by cutting back on other things to fund the Warrant Article. **Mr. Weider** indicated the Board is asking the taxpayers to fund the article; it is looking at other things to cut so that the community's collective pocketbooks won't be impacted and it is doing the best it can do.

Mr. Oleson stated he would prefer \$50,000, but if \$30,000 is the number, he'll work with it and it's the Board's decision to make. **Mr. Castricone** asked for an explanation of the \$50,000. **Mr. Oleson** answered there were culverts to change, issues with icing that occurred and he could put it off for next year. All that would accomplish, however, is putting it off and taking more out of next year's budget.

Mr. Weider asked if that \$50,000 would be saved for next year and cover that money. **Mr. Oleson** answered not all of it, but a large part of it, probably \$30,000. The \$30,000 would be part of the asphalt and \$20,000 would keep the department going for 6 weeks. He would manage it much like last year by dovetailing jobs into one since the more asphalt you buy, the better price you can get. He also indicated the Board needs to do what it can and he will work with what he has. If it's low, there will be many things that cannot get done. As long as the salary is there for his men, and he'll "muddle along and put out fires for 6 weeks."

Mr. Cannon indicated he understood what **Mr. Oleson** was trying to do and he didn't have a problem with it. The Board has set a precedent over the last few years and asked the Board how they felt about \$50,000 and he would make a motion to move this along. **Mr. Charron** spoke that he was nervous about putting money aside with so much going on in Concord regarding pensions, etc. and the money needs to be locked in for those in the Town who may need to be paid their pension. **Mr. Weider** indicated that if the Warrant isn't passed, it would come out of the budget. **Mr. Oleson** asked why the Town wasn't being asked for the money to fund this so the "monster is covered." **Mr. Weider** indicated those funds could be earning interest, etc. **Mr. Cannon** stated that if nothing is put out of the way to go into the budget, the potential exists that the \$30,000 that we need toward the end of the year might not be there.

Chairman Landau stated that with all this discussion everyone understands that this needs to be funded, one way or the other; and funds will be expended. He recommended the need to establish a priority for this funding. The big issue was that **Mr. Oleson** needs a certain amount of money to do the work this year as well as the potential for having those funds next year from the very beginning so that if work is to be done, he already has \$15,000-\$20,000 and he can get that one other road covered. **Chairman Landau** stated the question comes down to whether the Board raises 9¢/1000 or 3¢/1000 because that is where the bond issue comes in.

Mr. Cannon suggested the Board consider funding this at \$50,000 and that **Mr. Oleson** stays in close contact with the Board, because something could happen and part of those funds at the end of the budget year to fund the \$30,000 in Warrant Article 17 would have to be taken if that is all that is left. **Mr. Oleson** requested strongly that if that happened to keep that information public so the Town understood that the money had to be taken out of the highway budget. His intent is to leave a considerable amount at the end of the budget and didn't want to spend anything the Town doesn't have. He understood things are tight and he has people that need things done which he can't say "no" to. **Mr. Cannon** suggested weekly updates be provided by **Ms. Sherwood** between now and the end of the budget to understand what the department is spending so that the Board can monitor it. **Mr. Oleson** indicated he didn't need controls, but if he knew the Board needed \$30,000 and he sees any issues that are large and leaves the department short of that number, he would certainly advise the Board.

Chairman Landau agreed with **Mr. Weider's** point of the liability to the Town for this Article. **Mr. Charron** stated the Board and Town are now paying for all the "no's" of the past. **Chairman Landau** indicated with the work of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee together, he felt the two had come up with a fairly good budget and felt people needed to understand this.

Mr. Cannon motioned to transfer \$50,000 out of the winter maintenance fund. **Mr. Castricone** seconded. With no discussion, the motion was carried with 4 ayes and 1 nay coming from **Mr. Weider**.

3.2 *Appointment to Energy Advisory Committee*

Chairman Landau asked if **Ms. Janet Boyden**, who was next on the agenda regarding the Appointment to the Energy Advisory Committee, was present. She was not. **Ms. Pat Martin** stated **Ms. Boyden** had asked to be placed on the agenda, but **Ms. Martin** had not followed up **Ms. Boyden** to confirm she would be present. **Chairman Landau** then moved on the next agenda item.

3.3 *Spring Hill Farm Lease*

Chairman Landau then called forward **Ms. Cindy LeBlanc**, **Mr. Chuck Myette** and **Mr. Brad Wamsley**. **Ms. LeBlanc** wanted to be placed on the agenda to introduce herself to the Board as the newly elected chairman for the trustees of Spring Hill Farm. She is new to the position and learning the ins-and-outs of working with the Board. One of the many things the trust has accomplished so far has been to put together a

management plan to help make the Farm a profitable place where families enjoy going. She has personally taken on the revitalization of the apple trees, hoping some day to have fruit to sell. She wants to grow vegetables and have education programs regarding conservation, forestry, farming and horticulture, as well as other activities. She felt she may need guidance on for what will be beneficial to the Farm and the Town. **Mr. Wamsley**, former chairman, and Mr. Myette both stated their welcome to **Ms. LeBlanc**. She came to the trust about 9 months prior, she has a lot of energy and good ideas, is extremely well organized which are all reasons she became the new chairman. She helps to move things along and is eager to make this trust a profitable one.

Chairman Landau, before getting to the discussion of the lease, wanted to congratulate and thank **Mr. Wamsley** for his years of service as Chairman and acknowledged that he was one of the last trustees who was very instrumental in working directly with Ms. Church.

Chairman Landau then asked for the lease. **Mr. Cannon** requested that in the future, the lease gets to the Board prior to its expiration so that there isn't a "catch up" necessary. **Mr. Myette** indicated the trustees have been working with the Community Supported Agriculture group (CSA) and discussions have been on how to be more involved and how to have the opportunity to bring more funds into the farm as a result of participation with the CSA. By allowing the CSA to use some of the equipment, they are able to obtain about 5% of the membership fees and will put those funds back into the farm operations. They work with them to help support some of the activities that are there – the new well, the greenhouse, etc. They are also looking at some other possibilities of working with the CSA. **Mr. Cannon** asked if there will be a formal agreement established with the CSA for that revenue sharing arrangement and what the size of that revenue is. **Mr. Myette** indicated the CSA has about 50 members and dues from \$300-350 for half membership and \$500 for full. **Mr. Wamsley** indicated a draft agreement is in place for the revenue sharing. **Mr. Cannon** stated that the Board of Selectmen should review the revenues sharing agreement prior to its execution. **Mr. Weider** suggested with the sharing of equipment, it be in writing the CSA is partially responsible for the maintenance of that. **Mr. Myette** indicated that was part of the current draft.

Mr. Cannon suggested that the equipment not be used by the CSA until that agreement is executed because there was much discussion about this last year. Last year, the CSA didn't look like much probably due to specific circumstances with the summer conditions. He stated he would be very interested to see this year if it looks more organized than last year.

Chairman Landau indicated a note on the original lease and what it was about. **Ms. Martin** answered she had question a specific line in the lease regarding activities that were no longer there. The Board decided to cross that part out. **Chairman Landau** indicated it required the Chairman to sign.

Mr. Weider motioned that **Chairman Landau** sign the lease and **Mr. Cannon** seconded. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 1 abstention from **Mr. Castricone**.

Mr. Cannon asked the plans and asked if there was a document that could be shared with

the public regarding the workings of the Farm and Trust. **Mr. Myette** stated there was a working document and it will almost always be in process as they work forward and things need to be done or changed. The document is what the mission is and what things they want to see there, i.e., the 4-H, the school with an educational program, horseback and hayrides. There are a lot of things listed on the document that aren't fleshed out.

Mr. Cannon felt the place looked great and he would like very much to continue to support it. **Mr. Weider** indicated he, too, had been by and the public has been coming in. These are getting very popular in Massachusetts as well. **Mr. Myette** indicated if you can grow it, you can sell it, especially organic and that is one of the many things they have gone to at the farm – organic fields.

On a different note, just as the trustees were dismissed, **Chairman Landau** asked **Mr. Myette** if he had seen the email from **Shawn Patenaude** regarding Wason Pond. **Mr. Myette** indicated he had and has spoken with **Mr. Patenaude** about it. **Chairman Landau** asked **Mr. Myette** would stay for a moment to discuss it. There are cracks and fissures in the dam area. **Mr. Myette** explained what the problems were that have occurred over the winter months. **Mr. Patenaude** is keeping an eye on it. Apparently, there were stones placed along a specific section of the dam area, which was done in the winter. Where the stone was placed, it doesn't go all the way to the top or the bottom. He explained what he believed happened and what was seen was some of the frost came out and as the weight settled, it was against the dam itself. That created some of the fracture points and it opened up. They have gone back in, recompact it and restructured it and filled in those cracks. He felt it is pretty much settled where it's going to go. This shouldn't affect the dam. They are keeping an eye on it and making sure the contractors and the engineer are kept up to date. They will need to go through at least one year's cycle with frost and thaw again to be comfortable that this was the way it happened. From where it happened, it didn't really affect the structural integrity of the main part of the dam. More of the materials were placed on top of that along the front side.

Mr. Weider indicated he had seen similar fissures in the wastewater management. **Mr. Myette** indicated it was removable; what really compounded it was putting the weight of that stone on it, probably during the winter when it wasn't fully compacted. There were a couple of other things needed to be done – they needed to bring some stone closer to the roadside of it so there wouldn't be any erosion occurring and conduit it a bit. They did reshape it somewhat so that **Inspector Chuck Corliss** was ensured that it was level across the top. They started at the dam and worked their way back up to the Community Center so there was a nice, gentle slope. They've regraded and seeded it. **Inspector Corliss** was fairly comfortable with it. They've gone through the checklist and there were a couple of other things they wanted to do. At this point, once the seed is in, they will go ahead and fill the pond again.

Chairman Landau stated the email confirmed **Chuck Corliss** agreed with **Mr. Myette's** account and they are currently working on the engineer's final inspection report to be submitted to DES on Friday, May 13, 2011. The affidavit of compliance will be filed as soon as the contractor work is complete. **Inspector Corliss** has approximately 2 weeks to review it. **Mr. Myette** indicated there was a fishing derby planned for June 4th and the **Inspector** has been advised of it and is trying to accommodate our schedule.

With no further questions, **Chairman Landau** moved onto the next agenda item.

3.4 *Town Meeting Discussion (8:05)*

Mr. Weider indicated Warrant Article #8 will be the first to be voted on. He stated if Warrant Article #8 passes, the asphalt line 01-4312-1-911 will be reduced from \$100,000 to \$70,000. **Mr. Weider** indicated **Mr. Oleson** will speak to that at the meeting, who came forward again. He indicated he drafted a map, which he distributed to the Board, and will have copies to pass out to the Town. It includes rebuilding East Derry, shipment overlay, reclaim and pave Great Oak and others indicated on the map. He asked about the logistics on the \$30,000 and there was some discussion with **Mr. Weider** about it.

Warrant Article #9 references the reports and **Mr. Weider** didn't feel they needed to talk about it. He stated he did see an error when he was going through the project reports. On page 43 on the bottom it shows the Board of Selectmen's total different from the Budget Committee's and questioned these figures, as their numbers are exactly the same. **Mr. Rhonda Lamphere** will check into it. **Ms. Sherwood** stated on page 41, the recommendation is totally missing. For clarity, **Mr. Weider** would like to make sure all is correct.

Warrant Article #10 – **Chairman Landau** will speak to that article. **Mr. Cannon** indicated the Fire Chief and Truck Committee will likely talk about what has been done. Again, that will take \$10,000 out of the vehicle repair line 661 reducing it from \$20,000 to \$10,000. **Mr. Cannon** asked who would be making the amendments, the Board or Budget Committee. **Mr. Weider** indicated the Board would make the amendments. However, **Ms. Lamphere** indicated the Budget Committee would make them. There was a discussion and **Ms. Lamphere** explained that some of the lines were actually budgeted based on the equipment the Town currently owns. The Road Agent and Fire Chief felt there could be some extensive repairs with the older equipment if they did not get new equipment. If the Warrant Articles didn't pass, then it would be difficult to get those funds back into the budget for maintenance.

Warrant Article #11 – This is on the cruiser and \$33,000 will be taken out of the capital reserve fund. **Mr. Cannon** will speak to this.

Warrant Articles #12 & #13 – This is the Class 8 Dump Truck. **Mr. Weider** indicated that **Mr. Oleson** would be speaking to this article. The Board and Budget Committee agreed there would be a reduction in that line of \$15,000 and is based on looking at the actual expenditures of the contractors this year and what the costs were of having a truck off the road. The primary truck would be the heavy truck and if the second truck (Class 5 Dump Truck) that would be the other one. **Mr. Castricone** asked about the potential of going back to the school and taking that on as they requested to be considered. If both truck Warrants are passed, there will need to be a discussion about taking the school on as well. The school asked if the Board would consider it and they will reimburse. **Mr. Oleson** indicated he had a discussion with the school and felt the old truck would work quite well. He also asked consideration be given to not bringing the \$15,000 number to \$10,000 because fuel will need to be considered. **Mr. Weider** had done some analysis on

the contracted trucks and equipment for this past year and this was how he rationalized the \$15,000 figure.

Warrant Article #14 for Winter Road Maintenance will need to be amended to \$50,000 for this year. Jack will speak to this.

Warrant Article #15 is Fremont Road Bridge. **Ms. Sherwood** did some analysis work on this and there is \$60,728 is available from the capital reserve fund, \$239,272 from general taxation and 80% of the \$300,000 will be reimbursed from the Department of Transportation. **Mr. Weider** asked **Ms. Sherwood** to check into the expenditures paid out. He stated there was a \$4,533.96 overpayment to DuBois and King and asked her to reconcile and look at all the payments. **Mr. Weider** and **Mr. Oleson** will speak to this.

The next is Warrant Article #17 on the Employee Separation Benefits. **Mr. Cannon** will speak to this.

Warrant Article #18 is on road reconstruction and will not go forward if Warrant Article #8 passes. If Article #8 fails, discussion on the one time tax impact for \$500,000. **Mr. Oleson** had a comment on this. He indicated the Budget Committee doesn't support it and he was surprised it was included. He would rather table it even if Article #8 fails and he would not speak to. **Mr. Weider** will explain why this was being tabled and the Budget Committee will have to speak to it as well.

Warrant Article #19 – the Agricultural Commission will speak to this.

Warrant Article #20 – the Operating Budget will be reduced and **Chairman Landau** will speak to that.

Petitioned Warrant Articles #21 and #22 – the Board will not be speaking to these articles.

Petitioned Warrant Article #23 – this is for the Fire Truck. If Article 10 passes, this will be tabled. If article 10 doesn't pass, **Chairman Landau** will speak to this.

Petitioned Warrant Article #24 will be tabled based on recommendations from legal counsel. **Chairman Landau** will speak to this.

Mr. Weider indicated if the road bond, fire truck and dump trucks pass the operating budget would be reduced by \$55,000. **Chairman Landau** stated if Article #10 (fire truck) does pass, he will ask to take Article #23 out of order and table it at that time.

Mr. Cannon asked what “paper ballot times two” meant on the fire truck. **Ms. Lamphere** indicated it was decided at the Board and Budget Committee meeting that paper ballots were requested for the Road Bond, Fire Truck and Dump Trucks. **Mr. Cannon** objected due to all the time it would take. **Ms. Lamphere** defended the decision.

Mr. Weider noticed on executive line 01-413 it shows the Town overspent by \$10,027. He asked **Ms. Sherwood** to address this. She indicated that one of the expenditures was the match for the grant the fire equipment (approximately \$4,500) and the clean up of the

debris on the road by the cemetery. These took the lion's share of the expenses. **Mr. Weider** asked if back charging on line 41 can be done and get the numbers lined up. He also asked to verify this and also if she would furnish the amounts of grants the Town received.

II **Old Business** (*approval of minutes revisited*)

- 2.1 **Chairman Landau** had two comments on the minutes of April 28, 2011. Regarding Section 3.3 several pieces of surplus equipment were already given to the American Legion from the Town. The other was regarding the public comment section where John Remillard was recognized, the minutes needed to be corrected to send to Mr. Remillard. That was the comment that was made and the minutes that needed to be corrected need to be sent to him.

With no further questions, **Chairman Landau** asked for voting on the minutes of April 28th. They carried with 4 ayes, as amended, and 1 abstention from **Mr. Charron** who was not present at that meeting.

IV. **Roundtable**

Mr. Cannon stated he had asked **Ms. Martin** to place the pictures of Stevens Hall in the members' packets showing the paint coming off in sheets and this looks to be worse than last year. A closer look reveals potentially more that could come off and he asked what should be done about it. **Chairman Landau** advised he had spoken with Jeff Adler, as he would like the engineer to take a look at it. He stated that **Mr. Castricone** had sent Peter to look at it, as there is a leak present. At first it was thought to be the sprinkler system, but there is no sprinkler system in the building, so there seems to be a leak in the roof as well as some moisture is being sealed in on both sides. Therefore, not only is the paint coming off on the outside, but also there is also some blistering occurring on the inside. In speaking with others about this, it might be the blue frame construction of the building and moisture is getting hidden in it some place. Before the contractor is contacted, someone should take a look at it and get an expert opinion as to why this is happening. If it isn't the engineer, the insurance company can be contacted and they can look at it. He stated MLN had painted over it and fixed it and even the section that was painted over has some blistering. **Mr. Cannon** stated that if you walk around the building, it has many problems that haven't necessarily shown themselves that are potential. **Chairman Landau** had spoken with the people who initially did the painting there was no issue with the roof. **Mr. Castricone** suggested that it could be moisture from the basement that channels itself upward through one of those open bays. He has seen this problem in the past. There was some further discussion about different solutions including a different painting system that would cure the problem.

Mr. Cannon asked about a letter from a resident regarding the fire department equipment. He wasn't sure what the question really was. **Mr. Weider** stated there was an email sent stating two pieces of equipment were being retired and the chief has been asked to speak with the resident about the concerns.

Mr. Weider indicated the Financial Services Agreement needed to be sent up for review

to the Town Attorney. If nothing else needs to be added, he wanted to send the final document and have legal review it. After the members' review it was determined there were no further additions and **Ms. Martin** should send it along to the Town Attorney for their review.

Mr. Weider also stated he had attended the School Board meeting the previous evening. There was a discussion there regarding the use of the multi-purpose room during basketball. The School Board is reviewing the policies as last year there was a private organization, which was using this room and created issues with the recreation room. He felt Recreation should handle this rather than the Selectmen jumping in for now. He felt the school was doing the right thing in correcting the issue.

Mr. Weider also called attention to a letter from **Jean Packard** requesting the Board review sign all the paperwork for the warrants that had to be given to **Ms. Barbara Gagnon**.

Mr. Castricone advised he attended the Regional Selectmen Meeting on Tuesday, May 3. The items of discussion were police outside traffic details. He stated it was interesting listening to the other Towns' and what they were actually doing. Also discussed were visiting other Town's Transfer Stations. He thought it might be useful to mention that Kingston received a grant for repeaters for their cruisers worth around \$8,000.

Chairman Landau stated he received a memo from **Michael Trainque** who is the representative to the Southeast Watershed Alliance. **Mr. Trainque** wanted to pass on information of the series of symposiums related to the health of the watersheds contributing to the Great Bay and NH coastal areas. The first one had already occurred, but there will others and if anyone is interesting in attending, **Ms. Martin** will have the information available so they can contact **Mr. Trainque**.

Chairman Landau also mentioned that postal carriers are having a "Fill-a-Bag Family Stamp out Hunger" event on May 14, 2011. They were asking to bag any non-perishable food items and leave it at the Towns people's mailbox for pick-up and delivery to the local food bank. The local food bank here would be the church and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. He suggested as well, cleared by the moderator, that a large box be placed at the Town Meeting and anyone who would like to donate that was could as well.

Chairman Landau asked if a debit card could be obtained for the BOS office, so as to be able to purchase miscellaneous items in the absence of **Ms. Sherwood**. **Ms. Sherwood** explained the Town has a debit card through the bank with a credit line of \$500, which is used to purchase last minute items. Her name and the Treasurer's name are on it and it needs to be changed. As soon as it is determined whose names should be on it, she will contact the bank and get the names changed.

Chairman Landau also noted that Dick Trask rounded up around 50-60 volunteers at the Veteran's Hall for a clean up which went very well. They are organizing another clean up for the near future.

Chairman Landau then asked Dr. Joseph Hagan to come forward to be introduced as

the newest Board member. **Chairman Landau** also wanted the Town to know that the first meeting in June will have the Town Attorney and a number of State people from DES, EPA, etc. to discuss the LeClair issue.

Dr. Hagan started with an anecdote of his day, saying he had a mea culpa: He had the day off and he went to the fire station to get a fire permit and he misread the permit and started a fire, which the fire department responded to. He stated the fire department was fabulous and they were very polite and professional and he wanted to apologize to any inconvenience he gave to the fire department. He also stated he was glad to be joining the Board. He thanked **Mr. Charron** specifically for his service to the Town and to the State and indicated he was one of **Dr. Hagan's** models at the State House and felt he was a moderate, thoughtful legislator. **Dr. Hagan** felt the Town was very lucky to have **Mr. Charron** there.

Chairman Landau advised when "**Red**" **Dolloff** passed away, being a former fire chief and fire fighter, there is an organization (he didn't have the name of it), which provides all sorts of information regarding how to handle the ceremony, including honor guards and the like. He proposed a \$200 donation from the Town and Board. He had spoken to several businesses in Town and feels certain the amount can be reached.

With no further public comment, **Mr. Weider** made a motion to go into non-public session, per RSA 91A:3 II(e) for the first discussion and RSA 92A:3II(c) for the second. **Mr. Cannon** seconded. Motion carried unanimously at 9:05

Back to Public Session at 9:28 PM

Mr. Weider made motion to rejoin the public meeting and it was seconded. **Chairman Landau** made a motion to seal the non-public session minutes indefinitely. **Mr. Weider** seconded. Both motions carried unanimously.

Mr. Castricone made a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Cannon** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Coughlin, Recording Secretary
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