

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING – December 28, 2009**

Present: Richard Bielefield, Margo Connors  
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Nick DeMayo

Correspondence was read and acted upon and no appointments were scheduled.

Carl Eaton of NE Utilities (PSNH) will be in town on Wednesday to conduct lighting audits on the Town Buildings. Ms. Connors and Jim Keefe will assist.

The annual joint meeting to discuss the Tri Town Transfer Station and Recreation budgets with Franconia and Easton will be held on January 11, 2010. Ms. Connors inquired as to the agenda for the joint meeting with Franconia and was advised that the meetings will begin at 4:00 and the recreation and transfer station budgets will be discussed.

The Selectmen received the first payment of \$5,000 from the Moose Plate Grant for the work completed on the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse. General discussion followed on the placement of a sign in regard to the funding at the Meetinghouse. The glass case outside or inside the lobby will be looked at.

Officer Ball has completed the check of the streetlights with 19 being out. A report was sent to PSNH and repair should follow. The board discussed the cost of street lighting and the number of lights in town. The question came up as to how the lights are billed and if 1/3 are out are we still paying the same. Also discussed was whether the lights have burnt out or have been shot out as in the past. A copy of the 1997 street light conversion plan was given to Ms. Connors for additional information. Ms. Connors will follow up with the representative from NE Utilities.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to not meet on Monday January 18, 2010 in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion was approved.

During public comment, MR. DE MAYO inquired if the current lights are low sodium and Mr. Bielefield did not believe that they are. Mr. DeMayo also he felt that we should not replace those that are shot out.

It was noted that the budget hearing for 2010 will be held on Monday February 8, 2010. The department heads will be meeting with the board on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss their budgets as submitted and also Capital Reserve requests. Budget preparation is ongoing.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to accept the minutes of December 21, 2009, seconded by MR. BIELFEILD. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, January 4, 2010 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 PM with appointments scheduled at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant