

**Board of Selectmen, April 5, 2012**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**APRIL 5, 2012**

Present: Anthony V. Vegnani, Chairman; John F. Danehey, Shawn Harris,  
Richard W. Murray, Joseph P. Norton

Patricia A. Vinchesi, Town Administrator

James Toomey, Town Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to ACCEPT the Agenda for April 5, 2012. SECONDED by Mr. Harris. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (4-0) Mr. Danehey was not present for the vote.

**VOTE/ NON-UNION EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS**

Mr. Toomey stated that in early December 2011 he advised the Town Administrator that non-union contracts could be voted by the Board of Selectmen in Executive Session. Subsequently, the Attorney General's office examined certain aspects of the Open Meeting Law and determined that: (1) the Board is entitled to go into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations, (2) once negotiations are concluded, the contract should be drafted and (3) voted in public session. In the past, negotiations and the subsequent voting of contracts was done in Executive Session. Mr. Murray asked if the Town of Carver case occurred after our Board of Selectmen's vote in Executive Session (November 2011). Mr. Toomey answered "yes" and recommends that the Selectmen now vote these contracts in open session and that they be considered retroactive. This open session vote will ratify what was done earlier. All agreed that this would be the procedure going forward.

Mr. Norton made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to REAFFIRM its vote of November 29, 2011 and APPROVE the FY12 contract addendum for the Town Administrator retroactive to January 1, 2012. SECONDED by Mr. Murray. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (4-0) Mr. Danehey was not present for the vote.

Mr. Norton made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to REAFFIRM its vote of November 29, 2011 and APPROVE the contract renewal for the Town Administrator FY2013 – FY2017. SECONDED by Mr. Harris. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (4-0) Mr. Danehey was not present for the vote.

Mr. Norton made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to REAFFIRM its vote of November 29, 2011 and APPROVE an annual salary for the Treasurer/Collector of \$86,000 retroactive to January 1, 2012. SECONDED by Mr. Murray. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (4-0) Mr. Danehey was not present for the vote.

Mr. Norton made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to REAFFIRM its vote of December 20, 2011 and RESCIND the salary increase for the Town Accountant effective January 1, 2012. SECONDED by Mr. Murray. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (4-0)

Mr. Danehey was not present for the vote.

Mr. Danehey entered the meeting at 6:26 PM.

## APPOINTMENT/ 375th Anniversary Committee

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to APPOINT John W. Lyons to the 375th Anniversary Celebration Committee. SECONDED by Mr. Harris. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:28 PM. SECONDED by Mr. Harris. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

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Richard W. Murray

John F. Danehey

Joseph P. Norton

Shawn Harris

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberley A. Donovan  
Executive Assistant