

# DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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August 2, 2012

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Matt Quandt convened the Board of Selectmen at 8:30 p.m. in the Wheelwright Room of the Town Office. Other members of the Board present were: Ms. Julie Gilman, Mr. Don Clement, Mr. Frank Ferraro, Mr. Dan Chartrand and Town Manager, Russ Dean. Members of the public present: Brian Griset, Robert Eastman, Renee O'Barton.

2. Accounts Payable Warrant. Mr. Chartand moved an accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$96,606 from the capital fund, dated July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Selectwoman Gilman seconded. This is the payment to Brown Industrial Group for work on the culvert projects. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Exeter Housing Authority appointments.

Mr. Chartand moves to appoint Boyd Allen to the Exeter Housing Authority for a term ending April 30, 2015. Selectwoman Gilman seconds. Discussion. Mr. Quandt points out Mr. Eastman was an applicant but is a paid official and cannot be appointed under the RSA. Mr. Eastman asks for a copy of the RSA referred to. Mr. Quandt provides legal counsel's review of the question. Mr. Allen's candidacy is discussed including his water/sewer committee membership and expertise. Mr. Ferraro feels this is a conflict due to the sewer issue. He would like to ask Mr. Allen about this and cites the Board's policy on appointments. Mr. Ferraro states Board policy is to interview candidates prior to appointment. Mr. Chartand indicates due to the immediate nature of the situation he is prepared to appoint this evening. Mr. Allen already serves on a town committee and is known. Mr. Clement states he knows Mr. Allen's work on the water/sewer committee and he is well qualified to serve. Mr. Quandt allows Mr. Griset a question. He asks about the Board's policy on appointments, which is explained. Ms. O'Barton asks about terms available and this is clarified. Ms. O'Barton states he doesn't know Mr. Allen and has not met him. The vote is called with the result 4-1 in favor, Mr. Ferraro opposed for the stated reasons.

Mr. Chartrand moves to appoint Don Briselden to the Exeter Housing Authority for a term to expire April 30, 2016. Selectwoman Gilman seconds. Discussion. Mr. Ferraro states he thinks highly of Mr. Briselden, however he resigned from the EDC due to workload and serves on multiple committees. Ms. Gilman replies that Mr. Briselden resigned in part due to the frequency of meetings of the EEDC and no longer serves the transportation committee. He is an alternate on the Conservation Commission. Selectman Clement voices his support as Mr. Briselden would serve with the best interests of the residents of 277 Water Street in mind. Mr. Ferraro suggests an issue with time commitment that he would like to ask about. Mr. Clement suggests if that were an issue Mr. Briselden would not have stepped forward. He would be an asset. The vote is called with the result 4-1 in favor of appointment, Mr. Ferraro is opposed.

George Bragg, Exeter Housing Authority member, is discussed. Mr. Bragg has not attended a meeting since February of 2011. This has caused a quorum issue. It is doubtful Mr. Bragg is continuing on the commission. Discussion ensues on Mr. Bragg's status. Board policy states anyone not attending 60 percent of meetings is subject to removal.

Mr. St. Amour is referenced. He has a broken hip and could not attend the last meeting. Mr. Eastman declares Mr. St. Amour is likely to be missing for a month. Mr. Eastman asks again to comment. When

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he heard about this meeting he felt it was fishy. He has no faith in this Board. He feels this is a (profanity) thing to do.

After further discussion, Mr. Bragg will be sought via a phone call to try to determine his status. The idea of removal is favored but an explanation of the circumstances is warranted.

Mr. Dean asks Ms. O'Barton about her knowledge of the DPW's Option B. She indicates she is aware of the specifics of the proposal. It is confirmed the Commission as a whole has not had a presentation on the option. Ms. O'Barton states when the topic was discussed by the Selectmen it was not on the agenda at the last meeting, so the Housing Authority could voice concerns. Mr. Dean states that the Option B was presented to the Selectmen first, to get their approval, and then sent on to the Housing Authority as the preferred option of the Board.

Mr. Chartrand asks to comment and refers to Mr. Eastman's prior comments, which he finds offensive and meant to intimidate.

Mr. Ferraro refers to an email received from Sandra Driscoll regarding Parks/Recreation Patriots Alumni game and related fundraising. Mr. Clement indicates he wishes to hear a report as well. This will be handled Monday night.

## 4. Adjournment

Selectwoman Gilman moves to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.. Selectman Clement seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Dean  
Town Manager