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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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January 17, 2011

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Julie Gilman convened the Board at 6:45 pm in the Wheelwright Room of the Town Office Building in order to interview a candidate, Ms. Caroline Amport, for a position on the Economic Development Commission. She then reconvened the Board at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room of the Town Office Building. Other members of the Board present were: Mr. Matt Quandt, Mr. William Campbell, Mr. Robert Aldrich, Mr. Don Clement and Town Manager Russ Dean.

2. Public Comment

Frank Ferraro of Greenleaf Drive said that about 2 months ago there was a power point presentation about the property tax rate changes done at a Board of Selectmen meeting in which there was information about the tax rate impact. It was stated that about half the Town saw an increase in their taxes and about half saw a decrease. He asked if he could get a copy of the impact analysis that was done. Mr. Dean said that the tax impact analysis information would be available from the Town's Assessing office.

Mr. Ferraro asked for an update on the boiler work being done at the Historical Society. Ms. Gilman said that the boiler had malfunctioned and was found to be inoperable. They had previously obtained a quote for this work, which was updated and work started. This expense will be paid out of the 2010 budget.

Mr. Gerry Hamel said that other towns like Stratham are taking cable franchise fees and putting them towards infrastructure needs. He asked the Selectmen to consider using the \$ 125,000 that the Town just got from Comcast in a similar fashion instead of putting in a couple of new stations. He feels that there are many other citizens out there who also feel this way. He asked that the Board impose a freeze on spending the \$ 125,000 until after the town meeting. Ms. Gilman said that they typically don't spend on new items like this until after the town meeting.

Mr. Brian Griset of Cullen Way wished to correct an incorrect statement of fact that he made in his recent letter to the editor of the newspaper. He had written that some funding for the new Finance position came from Fire Department funds, but he now says that it was from Police Dept funds. He has found that it is difficult to hear the Board of Selectmen meetings when he views the video that is available on line. There is a lot of rustling paper sounds and Ms. Gilman speaks quietly. He would like extra copies of the Selectmen's packets to be available at meetings for interested residents. He requested documents on January 11th from the Town Manager's office under 91a but hasn't gotten them yet. Mr. Griset asked for clarification on how the cable franchise fee prepayment is being treated. He feels that items being moved to revolving funds should be excluded from year to year budget comparisons.

Mr. Griset asked that the Board reconsider their decision last week to take the full groundwater treatment plant project off of the list of warrant articles. The treatment plant is already a couple of years behind schedule. The 30% forgiveness available currently from the State is sizable and he would like to see the Town take advantage of that. Mr. Aldrich asked what the total cost of the project is and Mr. Dean said it is 6.35 million.

Mr. Alan Bailey asked if the Town has a new deputy tax collector yet. Ms. Gilman said they have advertised it but haven't hired anyone yet. Mr. Dean said that they will start interviews at the end of this

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week.

Mr. Bailey asked how many large entities in town have separate contracts with Comcast. Mr. Dean said that there is one that he is aware of. Ms. Gilman said that would be a question for Comcast.

Mr. Jim Knight followed up on earlier comments regarding cable franchise fees. To his understanding the Town is receiving \$ 125,000 from Comcast as an advancement, \$ 50,000 from the Co-op as a one time revenue and another one time revenue of \$ 37,000. He asked if the \$ 37,000 is the balance of the escrow account. Mr. Dean said that the \$ 50,000 is not revenue. It is an encumbrance that the Co-op has made on their side and is Co-op money. It was used as an offset when the EXTV program was put forward. The \$ 37,000 is the liquidation of the old escrow account which is a condition of the new agreement. The Town has not yet received the \$ 37,000.

Mr. Knight asked what Mr. Dean's current position is with regard to the \$ 125,000 from Comcast. Mr. Dean said that it has been split in the budget with 50% going to the General Fund and 50% going to the cable access tv account. Each got \$ 62,500. Mr. Knight asked why line item 113 for cable access tv was left in the budget at \$ 1.00 instead of being zeroed out. Mr. Aldrich said that it gives them a line item to expend money from for payroll purposes and works similar to how the revolving funds work.

Ms. Renee O'Barton asked for details on the new online setup for viewing meeting videos online. Mr. Dean said that he would find out the information for her.

3. Minutes & Proclamations

a. Regular Session Minutes of January 10, 2011

Mr. Campbell made a grammatical change to page 11.

Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 10, 2011 as amended. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

b. Special Session Minutes of January 14, 2011

Mr. Clement moved to approve the Special Session Minutes of January 14, 2011 as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Quandt abstained.

4. Appointments

Mr. Clement suggested tabling the upcoming appointment to the ZBA until after the election because the individual is also on the warrant to be an elected official on a proposed water and sewer advisory committee. He was concerned that there may be a potential conflict. The ZBA is a quasi judicial board. Mr. Quandt asked if there is a policy that an individual can only be on one committee at a time. Ms. Gilman said that there is such a policy for land use boards and the ZBA is a land use board.

Mr. Quandt moved to table the appointment for one week. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: 3-2 Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Campbell opposed. Motion carries.

5. Departments Reports – None.

6. Discussion/Action Items

a. New Business

i. Public Hearing: FY11 Bond Issues

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Mr. Aldrich gave a power point presentation on the 4 bond articles.

**Mr. Aldrich motioned to open the public hearing on the bond articles. Mr. Campbell seconded.
Vote: Unanimous**

Ms. Renee O'Barton said that bonds were passed last year to start the Jady Hill area improvements and asked where the status of the project would be left if the 2.9 million warrant article for this year were to fail. Ms. Jennifer Perry said that this work is being done in phases. If the article failed, work would still get done on water and sewer projects in the Jady Hill area. It would just exclude areas with identified I/I issues and so work would be more scattered.

Mr. Brian Griset inquired as to the timeline of the comprehensive Jady Hill project and asked if it is realistic that construction would actually start this year. Ms. Perry said that the schedule for the Jady Hill project has the final design being completed in May or June and bidding starting in July. Construction and paving would then be completed before winter. Last year's bonds paid for the design which is going on now and construction is ready to go regardless of whether or not the 2.9 million dollar warrant article for I/I reduction passes.

Mr. Bob Eastman asked if the bond articles that deal with water and sewer issues will be paid for by the rate payers or through a general tax rate increase and noted that this information is not in the wording of the warrant articles. Mr. Dean said that the information on how the bonds will be paid for is not in the warrant articles because the language of these articles is constructed in accordance with Municipal Finance Act guidelines. He said that 2.65 million of the 2.9 million Jady Hill area improvement article would come from the sewer fund and the \$ 250,000 balance would come from the General Fund. The groundwater facility design and water meter replacement articles would be funded through the water rate. The Norris Brook culvert article would be paid for through the General Fund. Mr. Eastman disagreed with the fact that information on how the bond articles will be paid for is not included in the warrant articles. He said that it has typically been done this way in past years and feels that voters would want to see this information.

Mr. Bailey sought clarification on the storm drain line project funding. Mr. Aldrich said that 2.65 million would come from the Sewer Fund and \$ 250,000 would come from the General Fund. The majority of the project is sewer related. Mr. Dean said that the \$ 250,000 that would come out of the General Fund is for non sewer related storm drains and would be an increase in the general tax rate.

Ms. Perry said that last year's work in the Jady Hill area was for standard sewer type rehabilitation and improvements. When Underwood Engineers started their work on the inflow and infiltration study, they discovered a lot more problems in the Jady Hill area. The majority of the proposed work for the 2.9 million dollar bond article is for sewer and only \$ 250,000 is for drains that would be needed regardless of sewer.

Mr. Griset asked for further clarification of non sewer related storm drains. Mr. Clement said that there are sections of streets in Jady Hill that actually have no storm drain systems at all. The \$ 250,000 would pay for installing storm drains in these sections.

Ms. Perry said that the \$ 250,000 is for an estimated 1,100 feet of storm drains on Jady Hill and 22 catch basin replacements. This is the basis of the apportionment of General Fund cost. Mr. Aldrich asked if there are any additional expenses beyond this and Ms. Perry said not that she is aware of.

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Mr. Eastman said that he doesn't think his earlier question about who is going to pay for the bond articles was answered. Mr. Aldrich repeated Mr. Dean's answer from earlier as to how each of the 4 bond articles would be paid for. The Board will take Mr. Eastman's request to change the wording of these bond articles under advisement.

Mr. Don Woodward said that the Norris Brook project design costs were estimated at around \$ 75,000. There is a design element to the Coastal Grant program that has the possibility of \$ 30,000 in matching funds. Deadline for applying is around the first week of February. He asked if there was any interest in applying for this program. Ms. Gilman said that they would certainly look into this and are interested in applying for any possible grants. Mr. Jay Perkins said that Paul Vlasitch is already looking into applying for this grant.

Ms. Perry said that after reviewing details of last week's presentation at the Jady Hill meeting, she wished to make a correction to an earlier statement. She said that included in the 2.9 million dollar estimate for Jady Hill is a figure for public storm drains and storm drain services that would be necessitated because of discharges to the sewer because of I and I. The \$ 250,000 figure being talked about is storm water related for Chestnut Street and is completely separate from any sewer related needs.

Mr. Bailey asked if everyone will get a new water meter so all people will have the same meter. Mr. Aldrich said that some people already have the new meters. This warrant article would upgrade the rest. Mr. Bailey asked who would pay for this and Mr. Aldrich said that it is a bond issue under the Water Fund.

Mr. Bailey asked how many culverts are involved with the Norris Brook project. Mr. Clement said that there are two. One is on Water Street and the other is on Swasey Parkway. Mr. Bailey thought that the Norris Brook culverts had already been replaced. Mr. Perkins said that emergency repairs have been made over the past few years, but the culverts have not been replaced. The situation is now critical as they could collapse at any time. The culverts are costly because they are large.

Mr. Griset noted that the Jady Hill bond article is currently 100% funded by the rate payers and has no grants or anything. If there was time to apply for the 30% forgiveness talked about earlier it would be a sizable savings. Since the Town has an administrative order on CSO's, the project should rank near the top of the priority list. Ms. Perry said that they applied last year and this project did not rank very high at all with the SRF. At this point this project is not ranked at all. This doesn't stop them from applying again or going after other grant opportunities. The CSO administrative order would help, as well as water /sewer rates and if the project is considered green or sustainable. Water meter replacement is ranked very highly and is in the top 5 or 6.

Mr. Bailey asked if anyone has any idea when the EPA is going to require storm water to be treated before it goes into the river. Ms. Perry said it is hard to say when there may be a deadline on this, but it is fair to say that everyone realizes that storm water requires some treatment. Some type of at least minimal treatment would be considered a best management practice by today's standards.

Mr. Griset said that it looks like the design would have the new storm drains emptying out in the area behind Friendly's. He asked if anyone has spoken to Friendly's or the other property owners yet about discharging this volume of water onto their properties and securing easements. Is there an estimated cost to securing these easements and has it been included in the 2.9 million figure?

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Ms. Perry said that the 2.9 million is a comprehensive cost for the project. Several sites for discharging the storm water have been considered. The Friendly's area is just one of them. They are currently working on getting baseline information and are not yet at the point of securing easements or having discussions with property owners.

Mr. Knight asked for a timeline on water meter replacement. Ms. Perry said that about half of the meters will require only a head replacement which takes about 5 minutes. The rest will require the whole unit to be replaced which takes about 20 minutes. She said that Mike Jeffers estimates this will be about an 18 month project. Ms. Perry said that the new meters will be radio frequency meters. Readings are gathered by driving through the neighborhoods. The time required for the data collection is so much less that they may look at going to monthly billing. It is also possible for customers to get instantaneous information on their usage depending on when they get all of their other systems upgraded and coordinated.

**Mr. Aldrich motioned to close the public hearing on the bond issues. Mr. Campbell seconded.
Vote: Unanimous**

Mr. Aldrich said that he is inclined to agree with comments made earlier by Mr. Griset regarding the groundwater treatment facility and would support putting the whole 6.3 million dollar project back on the warrant instead of just the design. This is something that is going to need to be done anyway and is not discretionary spending. Mr. Quandt said that it cannot be built yet anyway because the definite site has not been confirmed. Mr. Campbell was concerned about having two big issues on the warrant at the same time for voters, as well as whether or not it would be taking on too much debt at one time. Mr. Aldrich said that the Town would not start paying on the bond until after the money was spent, regardless of when the bond is approved. Mr. Dean said that assuming construction was complete in 2012 which would be the current plan, payback would start in 2013.

Mr. Quandt asked if there is a second option site if Gilman Park doesn't go through for some reason and said that he would prefer to know the definite site beforehand. Mr. Dean said that a site B option is down near the Lary Lane well, but it is deemed less desirable. Mr. Clement was hesitant to put this on this year's warrant on top of the other items they already have. This proposal is relatively new and he would prefer to have more discussion first. He would like to wait at least one more year and study it more.

Ms. Perry said that this is now one of the top ranked projects with the State Revolving Fund. The 30% forgiveness on a maximum amount of 4.4 million would be about 1.32 million right off the top. She said that the outlook for funding from the SRF in 2012 is not looking good and they are not making any promises for future years beyond 2011.

Mr. Aldrich motioned to include the entire groundwater treatment plant facility for 6.35 million dollars on the warrant this year. Mr. Campbell seconded for discussion.

Mr. Campbell was concerned that it might be overwhelming for voters to see a couple of large bond articles on the warrant this year. Mr. Aldrich said that there is a very educated argument for taking advantage of the 1.32 million that could be obtained through the SRF in 2011 that may not be available next year. Mr. Quandt said that although the price tag may seem high, it will probably be even higher later if they wait.

Vote: 3-1 Mr. Clement opposed. Motion carries.

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Mr. Eastman questioned whether another public hearing was required on the bond issues since the Selectmen had just made a change to one of the articles or would the Deliberative Session be considered a second public hearing. He wanted to be sure that all legal requirements were satisfied. Ms. Gilman said that the Deliberative Session would be the second public hearing.

ii. Public Hearing: FY11 Budget

Mr. Clement asked to clarify the basis for Mr. Quandt's proposed 7% budget cut suggestion made at the previous week's meeting. Mr. Quandt said that Mr. Dean had advised him that the average tax increase in town this past year was 7% and this was his basis. Mr. Clement pointed out that there is also a school portion of the tax rate and so the entire increase is not due to the town. Therefore Mr. Quandt is essentially asking that the town also make up for the school's portion of the increase as well. Mr. Clement said that the tax rate went up by about \$ 2.00 on the \$1,000 and of this the town's portion is about \$ 0.90. He feels that to be equitable in this case the school should be asked to cut their budget as well.

Mr. Quandt said that he is not on the school board and has no control over their budget. The 7% proposal was just to get a good discussion going. He wants to get the budget down as far as possible. When budget discussions started this year he said that he wanted a level funded and level service budget. Mr. Clement asked Mr. Quandt to confirm his position on this prior to the start of tonight's budget discussion. Mr. Quandt stated that his position is that he would still like to see a 7% cut. Mr. Aldrich said that a 7% cut off of the 2010 General Fund budget total would be a cut of 1.394 million off of the number that is proposed tonight. If the apportionment is taken out and they look only at the town's 3.15% portion of the rate, it would be a reduction from the proposed budget of \$ 779,000.

Mr. Quandt said that the town hasn't seen a cut in any amount in a long time and he feels that people would really like to see some sort of cut. He knows three people selling their homes because they can't afford to live in Exeter anymore and they won't make any money on the sales either right now. Mr. Aldrich pointed out that a 7% cut would be about 20 full time positions. Mr. Clement shared Mr. Quandt's desire to cut the budget. However, he felt it very important to point out that the 7% tax rate increase was not all attributable to the town's portion of expenses. The town did not cause the entire increase. Mr. Quandt said he feels that voters understand this.

Mr. Aldrich gave a power point presentation on the 2011 proposed budget with previous tax year comparison data. The total proposed Board of Selectmen 2011 General Fund budget, which includes essentially everything in the community except for water and sewer, is an increase of 1.7% over 2010 which equates to \$ 273,244.00. This is about a 16 cent impact on the tax rate. The Board of Selectmen's General Fund proposal is \$ 87,700 over the default. Total proposed Board of Selectmen 2011 budget as it stands now is \$ 20,380,848. If water and sewer is included it is a 1.75% increase over the 2010 budget or an increase of \$ 351,951. This is \$ 420,735 over the 2011 default budget. The water fund is up 6.1% and the sewer fund is down by 2.6%.

**Mr. Aldrich motioned to open the public hearing on the 2011 budget. Mr. Campbell seconded.
Vote: Unanimous**

Ms. Gilman asked to start the hearing with general comments.

Frank Ferraro of Greenleaf Drive said that he understands Mr. Clement's mathematical calculations that

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about 3% of the 7% average property tax rate increase was due to the town budget. He wished to point out that the proposed budget is currently 2% over last year to start with so a decrease of just over 5% would be necessary to get back down to 2010 levels. There have been discussions about decreases that the Board has made but these are decreases over the original proposal. He is asking on behalf of those people whose taxes have gone up considerably to reconsider dropping the budget down below what it is now. Mr. Aldrich said that currently the difference between the default and the proposed budget is about \$ 88,000. Mr. Ferraro made a plea to try to get the budget down by at least the \$ 88,000 which would be the level of last year's budget plus the adjustments.

Ms. Renee O'Barton said that many other towns are either decreasing their budgets or holding them level. Newfields cut 5% and Portsmouth is under orders to have no increase. She recommended not filling the 4 positions in town that are currently vacant and this would be a budget savings. She thinks that the town could do without a deputy tax collector and police sergeant for awhile. She is also not convinced that Exeter's ambulance service should be running at a deficit. She shared some research that she had recently done regarding what insurance companies would pay for ambulance calls and what other ambulance service providers charge. She feels that it is possible for more cuts to be made to the budget and for ambulance revenues to be increased. Mr. Aldrich thinks that ambulance billing is a good avenue to explore at another time.

Mr. Clement pointed out that although the deputy tax collector position is vacant, there is a temporary worker currently in that spot. They also had to bring people in from other departments to assist with getting through the busy tax season. Mr. Campbell said that tax and water & sewer receivables collection is falling behind due to the lack of personnel in the tax and water / sewer collections department. They really need a full-time person in there who is dedicated to the job, knows the tax laws and not just a body in the seat collecting money.

Mr. Gerry Hamel said that he wrote a letter which contained suggested budget cuts. The past two years have been very tough for many people. Last year some of the town administrative staff got some heavy raises. Although he isn't saying that they don't deserve raises, he feels that the timing is bad. He said that the top tier non union town employees with the highest pay also pay the least amount for their insurance benefits. He feels that they should pay the same as everyone else so it is equitable across the board. Mr. Hamel felt that some departments could forego training in 2011 as well as merit raises. The town could take a year off from trail management and leave the woods alone. There are many little places where cuts can be made that would add up. If the Federal government can give everyone a 2% raise this year via the FICA tax decrease, the town of Exeter can do more to help people and businesses.

Mr. Aldrich applauded Mr. Hamel for identifying places to cut the budget. However, he wished to point out that the town administrative staff raises he made reference to were part of the August 2009 pay plan adjustments. In 2010 everyone in that pay plan got a zero percent COLA increase while health insurance costs increased so employees actually took a hit.

Mr. Clement said that many departments didn't do any training in 2010 and it is not a big portion of their budgets.

Mr. Alan Bailey thanked Mr. Aldrich for his power point presentation. However, he thinks that placing water and sewer fund totals alongside the general fund totals is confusing.

Mr. Frank Ferraro asked how many open positions there currently were in town and Mr. Dean said that there were four. Mr. Ferraro suggested a 6 month or 1 year freeze on hiring for these vacancies and said

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that this action would probably allow them to hit the \$ 88,000 number. He commended the Fire Department on looking at outside billing service options and thinks it is a great idea. During last week's discussion, Chief Comeau had said that there are currently 2 part-time people doing the billing. If they hire an outside firm to do the work, then it follows that man hours are freed up. Instead of just gobbling these hours up somewhere else, they are free to be axed.

Mr. Aldrich pointed out that the Town is already saving money with these vacant positions because it is January 17th and the positions are still open. It would be a bit of a discussion to look at each of these positions, figure when they would hire, calculate the savings and adjust the budget accordingly. He pointed out that if the budget is changed in this manner, it will look like an automatic increase next year when salaries go back to being calculated for 12 months instead of a partial year.

Mr. Ferraro said that whether or not you budget the positions for a full year you still have to budget them for 12 months next year. He feels that most citizens would prefer the savings this year. Perhaps the economy will be better next year. Perhaps they will learn that they don't really need the positions anyway during that time and so you don't fill them next year. Tough decisions like this are the reality in the corporate environment right now. Mr. Aldrich said that you just have to be prepared for the budget spike next year. Mr. Ferraro agrees with Ms. O'Barton that the Police Department could not fill a sergeant position for half a year and this would be about a \$ 50,000 savings.

Ms. Hope Godino said that the library trustees called a special meeting on January 13th to consider the Board's request to cut their budget that was made at last week's Board of Selectmen's meeting. After careful consideration, the trustees feel that the current budget is adequate, conservative and sound. They proposed to keep the budget as it stands. Ms. Godino said that the entire library budget is up 2.5% over last year. The library started the year with a \$ 30,000 CIP item for renovations that they did remove due to the current economic climate.

Mr. Brian Griset has calculated that there has already been a budget savings of about \$ 15,000 for the 2 vacant police sergeant positions since it is now January 17th. He thought it would be helpful if the voters could have an update in a graphic on the revenues and expenditures for all of the revolving funds. Mr. Aldrich pointed out that the revolving funds don't have an impact on the tax payer. Mr. Griset explained that he wanted to be sure that year to year budget comparisons are truly comparing apples to apples and that is why he was requesting some additional specific details. Mr. Aldrich said that the Board has a responsibility to present the information in a clear and meaningful way to the residents.

Mr. Gerry Hamel asked if the lease purchasing of vehicles really saves the town money and wondered if it would be better to purchase them outright. Mr. Dean said the issue is that the town's program for vehicle replacement is built around the size of the fleet, the type of fleet, how much each piece costs and the prioritization of when it is going to be replaced. The program is developed the way it is over multiple years. It would save on interest if vehicles were purchased in one single year. In an organization the size of Exeter, it is necessary to do a combination of cash buying and lease purchasing to spread the purchases out over time in order to keep replacing the fleet in a timely manner.

Mr. Jim Knight commented that he is not certain that he agrees with buying everything on credit and paying all of that interest. He also said that he disputes an earlier comment that cable franchise fees do not have a tax impact. He feels that they do have a tax impact even though it is not direct.

**Mr. Aldrich motioned to close the public hearing on the 2011 budget. Mr. Campbell seconded.
Vote: Unanimous**

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iii. Review Warrant Articles

Ms. Gilman said that there are 11 zoning articles.

Mr. Aldrich gave a power point presentation on the warrant articles.

Mr. Clement suggested that they strike the warrant article on the cemetery trustees. Mr. Quandt and Ms. Gilman said that it is necessary to have cemetery trustees whether they are elected or appointed. Ms. Gilman said that regardless of the zoning changes someone needs to be taking care of things. Ms. Gilman said that she would like to look at the details of this again.

Mr. Alan Bailey inquired as to whether or not all lease purchase agreements contain escape clauses. Mr. Dean answered yes.

Mr. Bailey sought to clarify details of the purchase of the Ryder property. Ms. Gilman said that it is the purchase of an easement. Mr. Aldrich said that there are 4 entities contributing to the total cost. The town would own it after the purchase and the Conservation Commission would manage it. Mr. Clement said that it is around 40 acres total land in Exeter and Kensington. Mr. Bailey thought that there may be an RSA that prevents the town from owning land in another town. Mr. Clement said that it would just be an easement for the town's portion and the town wouldn't be owning any land in Kensington.

Mr. Ferraro said that if 4 entities are pooling funds to purchase the easement, then they would not be able to segregate it. He said what needs to be checked on is whether or not the town can own an easement in another town. The Board will look into it.

Mr. Aldrich does not want to put the warrant article to increase the local option fee to \$ 4.00 on the ballot this year. Ms. Gilman said that she knows it is a tough year for everyone, but this funds transportation services for senior and disabled residents. Transport service providers have seen a huge increase in requests for services. Social security is frozen. Mr. Aldrich asked if there is a max on this and was advised that it would be \$ 5.00.

Mr. Dean advised that there is one more warrant article that was not in the presentation. It is for a lease purchase on a utility dump truck for the DPW and would be a 3 year lease. Mr. Aldrich said that he deleted it from the presentation because he believed it to be the same as the other dump truck. DPW has warrant articles for the purchase of 2 dump trucks this year.

b. Old Business

i. None

7. Regular Business

a. Bid Openings – None

b. A/P and Payroll Manifests

a. Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests

Mr. Clement moved to approve a warrant for a payroll correction for checks date 1/12/2011 in the amount of \$ 573.91. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Clement moved to approve an accounts payable warrant for 2010 expenses for checks dated 01/14/2011 in the amount of \$ 48,585.58. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous Big Ticket

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Item: \$ 25,000 for the public library

Mr. Clement moved to approve an accounts payable warrant for 2011 expenses for checks dated 01/18/2011 in the amount of \$ 2,255,399.10. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous Big Ticket Items: \$ 1,096,000 for the Exeter Regional Co-op Schools, \$ 908,000 to the Exeter School District, \$ 205,000 to workmen's comp insurance.

Mr. Clement moved to approve an accounts payable warrant for 2011 expenses for \$ 34,129.69. Mr. Campbell seconded. Big Ticket Item: \$ 25,000 for the library. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Clement moved to approve a payroll warrant for week ending 01/9/2011 for checks dated 01/12/2011 in the amount of \$ 165,782.42. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

c. Budget Updates – None.

d. Tax Abatements & Exemptions – None.

e. Water/Sewer Abatements

Mr. Clement advised that there are four water and sewer abatements which have all been recommended by the DPW.

Mr. Clement moved to approve a one in ten year water & sewer abatement for \$ 207.49 for 8 Exeter Farms Road. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Clement moved to approve a one in ten year water & sewer abatement for \$ 603.60 for C1 Exeter & Hampton mobile home park. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Clement moved to approve a one in ten year water & sewer abatement for \$ 353.93 for 4 Dearborn Brook Circle. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Clement moved to approve a one in ten year water & sewer abatement for \$ 370.32 for 29 Crawford Avenue. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

f. Permits - None

g. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Dean thanked the crews who worked on the storm last week. Generally speaking everything went well and they did a good job as they always do.

h. Legislative Update - None

i. Selectmen's Committee Reports

Mr. Quandt said that there is a River Committee meeting coming up soon.

Mr. Campbell was concerned that there is legislative activity which would rescind the poll tax. He thought that perhaps the Board should send a letter to state representatives. Mr. Quandt said that he doesn't think it will go through the House right now which has been sensitive to down shifting.

Mr. Campbell moved to send a letter to our state senators and state representatives stating that we

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oppose rescinding the poll tax and copy the Ways and Means committee. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Ms. Gilman said that there is an Historic District Commission meeting coming up soon. They will be sending out letters to new residents / new owners in historic districts.

Mr. Aldrich had nothing to report.

j. Correspondence - None

8. Review Board Calendar

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting will be Monday, January 24th at 7:00 pm.

9. Non Public Session – None

10. Adjournment

Mr. Campbell moved to adjourn at 10:06 pm. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Mancinelli
Recording Secretary