

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JULY 11, 2011
SLADE BUILDING**

Members present: Michael Stauder, Vice Chair
Ernest Newcomb, Clerk

Member absent: Matthew Castriotta, Chair

Staff present: Brian Bullock, Interim Town Administrator; Elaine Peterson, Town Secretary

Others present: Ed Blanchard, Finance Committee

Meeting commenced at 6:40 pm

Mr. Newcomb invoked the Rule of Necessity stating his conflict as a Highway Department employee and payroll being part of the warrant. As a result of disqualification of members due to conflicts of interests, the Board lacked a sufficient number of members necessary to take a valid vote and, as a last resort that all those disqualified may now participate under the Rule of Necessity.

Warrant #29

Motion: M. Stauder

2nd: E. Newcomb

To approve Warrant #29 in the amount of \$29,036.03

Vote: All in Favor

Mr. Bullock presented a letter from Police Chief Perron requesting to hire to fill three part-time officer positions lost through non-appointment, retirement or attrition. These positions would complement the four active part-time officers bringing the amount to seven. The department is budgeted for eight. The Chief's letter stated the part-time officers are important for filling full-time shifts saving the town on overtime shifts.

Motion: E. Newcomb

2nd: M. Stauder

To approve the hiring of three part-time officers to the Police Department

Vote: All in Favor

Mr. Bullock presented the Highway services/material contracts that were awarded at the July 5th meeting for signatures. Mr. Newcomb invoked the Rule of Necessity again stating he had no financial gain from the awarding of the contracts.

Mr. Bullock reported he had received an email from MRPC Community Development Director Kevin Flynn stating that the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) had announced the FY'11 grant awards and Hubbardston's grant application for senior center design was not funded, nor were any other senior center designs.

Mr. Bullock reported he will schedule the audit management letter for August 1st due to vacations taken by the Board.

Mr. Newcomb reported he was winding the town clock while Ms. Whitney was on vacation.

Mr. Newcomb reported the Historical Commission had requested to display the engraved Wain Roy plaque at Charles Clark Corner as the former property is up for sale and the current owner did not want to place it there until a final sale is completed.

**Motion: E. Newcomb
To adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm**

**2nd: M. Stauder
Vote: All in Favor**

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Peterson
Town Secretary

Approved: July 18, 2011.