

Selectmen's Meeting
February 2, 2010

All Selectmen Present
Meeting started at 6:30 PM

The Selectmen signed the manifest, they also approved two pistol permits. The Selectmen signed a use of equipment contract for Guy Burrill and use of hall contracts for Don Thomas, Guy Burrill, Terry Wheeler and North Country Chorus. The Selectmen signed a request to transfer \$175,000.00 from NHPDIP to Woodsville Bank General Fund. Bob let the board know that the next Planning Board meeting will be the second Monday in March (March 8th).

The Selectmen went downstairs at 7:00 PM for the Public Hearing on the school budget which lasted until 9:40 PM and then the Public Hearing on the Town budget was held. On the Town Budget Merle Jones asked what the money in the Revaluation was for and it was explained that it was to keep the line open. At this time we take money from surplus to pay for this. Alice Frazer asked why the Legal fees have increased this year. Bruce explained that we have \$5,000.00 in that line for Kevin Bruno and \$40,000.00 for Upton and Hatfield as two of the Power Companies have filed suits for abatements on their taxes. Bryan Turnbull questioned why this was not put into a trust account so it would still be there next year if we didn't need it this year. Cindy explained that George Sansoucy recommended doing it this way and if not used we could pull it from surplus next year. Alice Frazer asked for an explanation on the Master Plan. Bob said this is something that is required by the state, we do have a Master Plan but the state requires that we update it every five years. This plan tells what the town has for policies, such as zoning, building rules and what the town plans are. There will be a public meeting on this April 1st at 7:00 PM . On the warrant articles Alice Frazer asked for an explanation on the Elderly Exemption. Bruce explained that people 65 or over depending on their income and assets could get an exemption on their taxes if they qualify. We do have an exemption now but it was asked to consider increasing it. Merle Jones asked if we had plans for the Post Office as we had the amount right down to the change that we wanted to put into a Trust Fund. Bob explained that is what we get for rent for the Post Office. Merle asked what plans we had for the Buildings Maintenance Fund. Gerry explained that we will probably need a new roof on the Town Hall in the next five years and we want to be prepared for that. Bryan Turnbull questioned the building of a vault in the old Fire Station. It was explained that we have run out of space in the Town Hall and need a place to store old records. Bryan asked if all records would be kept there. It was explained that the records that we use will still be in the safe at the Town Hall. He wondered if we shouldn't make copies of the ones needed and keep all originals at the Old Fire Station. Alice Frazer asked questions about the recycling article. Bryan Turnbull answered these as he is the one that has done the research on this.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM
Respectfully Submitted
Cindy Frazer, Admin. Asst.