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LORI L. SPIELMAN
RONALD F. STOMBERG
JOHN W. TURNER

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, December 14, 2009
Town Hall – Meeting Hall

ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST AWARD PRESENTATION:

First Selectman Blanchette and James York, Deputy Fire Marshal, presented the following students with awards:

Fourth Grade:		**Fifth Grade:**	
First Place:	Lia Guerette	First Place:	Sreyash Raychaudhurl
Second Place:	Aedan Randall	Second Place:	Malison Choate
Third Place:	Sarah Olender	Third Place:	Colby Unterstein

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Maurice Blanchette , Laurie Burstein, A. Leo Miller, James Prichard, Lori Spielman, Ronald Stomberg and John Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Finance Officer: Nicholas DiCorleto; Residents: Jeffrey Martin, David Stavens, Michael Stupinski, Karen and Rick Neal; Hartford Courant Reporter: Larry Smith

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman Blanchette called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at 8:13 p.m.

II. CITIZENS' FORUM:

No one came forward.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. November 16, 2009 Board of Selectmen Meeting:

MOVED (BURSTEIN), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2009.

B. November 30, 2009 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting:

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 2009.

C. December 7, 2009 Board of Selectmen Organizational Meeting:

Mr. Miller noted that with respect to item J: Appointment of BOF Representative to Ad Hoc Emergency Services Committee, the point that he was trying to make at the meeting was that the Board of Finance Chairman's suggestion would have changed the composition of the board from 11 members to 10. Mr. Miller asked that the minutes be amended to include his point.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2009, AS AMENDED.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements (December):

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,635.99, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ ABATEMENTS STATEMENT DATED DECEMBER, 2009. **(Attached)**

B. Resolution – Leasing 2 [CLFD Rescue Pumper]:

Mr. Blanchette reported that the leasing company for the new Crystal Lake rescue pumper requires the approval of a resolution particular in many details from the governing body (BOS), during a meeting such that it appears in the minutes of the meeting.

MOVED (TURNER), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen, the governing body of the Town of Ellington [the Lessee], has determined that a true and very real need exists for the acquisition of the Equipment described in the Lease-Purchase Agreement presented to this meeting; and has further determined that the Equipment will be used solely for essential governmental functions and not for private business use; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Lessee has taken the necessary steps, including any legal bidding requirements, under applicable law to arrange for the acquisition of such equipment,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Lessee that the terms of said Lease-Purchase Agreement are in the best interest of the Lessee for the acquisition of such equipment, and the governing body of the Lessee authorizes Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman of the Town of Ellington, to execute and deliver, and to witness (or attest), respectively, Leasing 2, Inc. Lease-Purchase Agreement and any related documents necessary to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Lease-Purchase Agreement.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: So noted, except as follows:

B. Finance Officer: Mr. Turner questioned the additional expenditures that were not approved at the Town Meeting held tonight. Mr. DiCorleto explained that some of the difference is related to timing, and he referred to the financial statement. Mr. DiCorleto said that there are offsets, such as the Police Special Duty overage will be offset by revenue; the EVAC overage will be partially funded through EVAC ambulance charges and the Building Demolition should be offset by the sale of the building lot after the demolition is complete. Mr. Turner expressed concern as to when the Board of Finance members learned of the variations to budget, and Mr. DiCorleto noted that the financial statement is shared with them and there should not have been any surprises, as the projections were made and presented throughout the year.

VII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Personnel Committee:

1. Resignations

MOVED (BURSTEIN), SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT, WITH REGRET, THE RESIGNATION OF MAUREEN LOWE FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

2. Recommended Appointments:

Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee

Mr. Prichard stated on behalf of the Personnel Committee, that due to the enthusiasm and the fact that eighteen applications were received for this Committee, the Personnel Committee recommends that the meeting notices be sent to the people who were not appointed to the Committee. Mr. Blanchette agreed that this made sense. Mr. Turner asked if any organizations that applied for appointment were not represented in the final membership, and Mr. Prichard said that each is represented with these appointments.

MOVED (SPIELMAN), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT LEONARD JOHNSON, DAVID GRIM, MICHAEL CURRIER, ALAN LEWANDOSKY, DAVID MILNES, CHERYL SAMBORSKI, TED GRAZIANI, MICHAEL VARNEY AND JEFFREY MARTIN TO THE AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE TO SERVE A ONE-YEAR TERM TO DECEMBER 30, 2010.

Permanent Building Committee

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (BURSTEIN) AND PASSED [AYE: PRICHARD/BURSTEIN/ STOMBERG/MILLER/TURNER/BLANCHETTE; ABSTAIN: SPIELMAN] TO APPOINT LORI SPIELMAN TO THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM TO FEBRUARY 28, 2012.

VIII. SELECTMEN LIAISON REPORTS: There were none.

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Mr. Blanchette reported that the BOS policies established by previous Boards of Selectmen were distributed, as requested at the December 7, 2009 BOS meeting.

Mr. Blanchette stated that there were three BOS members who signed the declaration of disclosure to the BOS in compliance with the Town Charter, Section 1203, *Conflict of Interest*. He noted that these are people who do business in one way or another with the Town or the Board of Education. There were three reports submitted and they will be available to the BOS members, as detailed by the charter, for their review.

Mr. Blanchette distributed new keys to the BOS members to allow access to the Town Hall Building.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: There was none.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 8:39 P.M.

Submitted by LouAnn Cannella Approved by Maurice Blanchette
LouAnn Cannella Maurice Blanchette

TAX COLLECTOR'S REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS
DECEMBER, 2009

V-A

DOLLAR AMOUNT	PERSON/CORPORATION REFUNDS	MV/PERS.PROP REAL ESTATE	YEAR	TAX/ASSESSOR REQUESTING DEPT.	REASON FOR
$149.07	ARI FLEET LT	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	REG IN NY
$247.12	ARI FLEET LT	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	REG IN NJ
$146.95	ARI FLEET LT	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
$245.00	ARI FLEET LT	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	REG IN MA
$129.30	ARI FLEET LT	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
$245.42	ARI FLEET LT	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
$406.26	B WILLIS CO LLC	PERSONAL PROP	08	ASSESSOR	ASSET DECLARED BY LESSOR
$275.47	GMAC	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
$210.17	GMAC	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
$62.62	HONDA LEASE TRUST	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
$137.98	NISSAN INFINITI LT	MOTOR VEHICLE	07	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
$308.80	NISSAN INFINITI LT	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
$32.54	TIM POLOSKI CT STATE MARSHAL	MV MARSHAL FEE	08	TAX OFFICE	OVERPAYMENT
$39.29	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MOTOR VEHICLE	08	ASSESSOR	VEHICLE SOLD
$2,635.99	DECEMBER REFUND TOTAL				

ABATEMENTS

$0.00	DECEMBER ABATEMENT TOTAL
$2,635.99	DECEMBER 2009 REFUND AND ABATEMENT TOTAL

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