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## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES January 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Chairman Harris. Present were Selectmen Mrs. Paight and Ms. Pitt, and Administrative Assistant Ms. Booth.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Mrs. Paight moved and Ms. Pitt seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the 01/11/2016 meeting as amended. Vote to approve was unanimous.

The Selectmen read a letter from Deb Hamel. She is resigning her position as Emergency Management Director (EMD) effective immediately. Thursday, January 28th is a meeting of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Chairman Harris will attend this meeting as normally the EMD would attend it. A letter to accept Deb Hamel's resignation will be sent out promptly with a request for her to return supplies and office equipment at her earliest convenience.

The Selectmen read a request for a sewer fee abatement. Mrs. Paight moved and Ms. Pitt seconded the motion to approve the abatement of the minimum sewer usage fee. Vote to approve was unanimous.

The Selectmen reviewed and accepted a petition to include a warrant article submission concerning political money. The needed signatures and submittal date, per RSA 39:3 were noted.

Execution (signatures) of bond and related materials were reviewed and signed. Included were the Bond, the Signature & No Litigation Certificate With Receipt, the No Arbitrage and Tax Certificate, and the IRS Form 8038-G. These were all in reference to the Town's purchase of the property of Carol A. Allen Revocable Trust of 2008, subject to a conservation easement held by the Monadnock Conservancy.

At 10:45AM the Selectmen and Ms. Booth moved the meeting to Constance Kenney's home to perform the passing of the Marlborough Boston Post Cane. Attending with the Selectmen and Ms. Booth were Dick Butler, Jane Butler, Janet Buckbee, Frank Buckbee, Peter Kenney, and Constance Kenney. Mrs. Kenney is the 24<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Marlborough Boston Post Cane. The tradition of the cane being passed along by town officials to each successive "oldest resident" in Marlborough has continued since 1909. Ms. Pitt excused herself from the Cane presentation.

At 11:30PM the meeting broke for lunch to continue at the town hall at 12:30PM.

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COLA raises for the proposed 2016 budget were considered. Charity contributions were reviewed. Discussion will continue at the 1/25/16 Selectmen's meeting.

At 1:00PM, Ms. K. Maloney, Ms. S. Sauvain, and Mr. J. Geigel entered the meeting. Ms. Maloney and Ms. Sauvain were advised of the concerns raised by Ms. Dennis about the yurts. These included living on the property without Certificate of Occupancy, the use of a wood stove, and gray water disposal. Richard DeSeve with NH DES has made the Selectmen aware that a mini-dry well is required for gray water disposal, per Env-Wq 1022.02 Mini-Dry Wells for Gray Water.

In the meantime, Ms. Maloney stated the water can be brought to her property for disposal in her septic. Chairman Harris stated that because a yurt is considered a structure, the town Zoning Ordinance would apply. As for the wood stove, if local municipalities want to require inspections they can, but at this time the Town of Marlborough has no such requirement. The State of NH also does not have any requirements for wood stoves.

Ms. Sauvain educated the Selectmen on the yurt and the structure of it. She told of the snow load poles, the platform, and insulation used and the r-value of it. The wood stove pipe is insulated and vented to the outside properly. An electric permit for temporary use during construction has been obtained. In the Spring, Mr. Geigel and Ms. Sauvain plan to start building their permanent home on the property.

Chairman Harris said that in any future meetings concerning yurts Ms. Maloney, Ms. Sauvain and Mr. Geigel will be invited and kept informed of any actions. The Selectmen thanked Ms. Maloney, Ms. Sauvain, and Mr. Geigel for coming in. A mini dry-well will be dug and/or gray water will be brought to Ms. Maloney's septic system. Ms. Maloney, Ms. Sauvain, and Mr. Geigel left at 2:00PM.

The Selectmen discussed the 2016 budget proposal some more. It will be on the agenda to discuss again at the 1/25/16 Selectmen's meeting.

Mrs. Paight moved and Ms. Pitt seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 3:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Booth Administrative Assistant