SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2000

Members Present: Don A., Steve L., Brian G. – Chair, Jim P., Lee S.

Absent: None

Dept. Heads: Bill M., Bud G., Richard K., Wally R.

Guests: Barb Farr, Mike Stafford

Highway:
The trucks are being prepared for inspection. Bill M. requested a budget line item change at the auditor's request regarding funds for chloride and bridges. Apparently these line items were accidentally reversed. Lee S. moved and Jim P. seconded a motion to change the budget line item as requested. Passed.

Police:
The Department received 179 calls with no transports. Ryan Bjerke has been working well in the school. The Department will utilize a pager at $11 per month to contact him when needed. Officer Morley returned to duty 12/11/00. Eric Dodge is out on sick leave. Jim P. asked if there is a local heroin presence? Richard indicated there are problems with heroin locally but not to the degree that has been seen in Rutland. The Northern Drug Task Force assists the Department with drug cases.

Rescue:
The radios have arrived and are satisfactory. Bud and Jeff Simone have determined that the JSC students are not interested in holding classes at Rescue and therefore cannot provide coverage. Bud has been working on an agreement with the Fire Department to share manpower. He has acquired five additional drivers. Francis Welch and Jason Couture have requested a leave of absence. Brenda Savage has resigned as she is leaving the area.

General Govt.: No report.

Health: No report.

Animal Control: No report.

Fire:
The contractor who won the bid to re-face the station has left town. Wally will get back to the Board with additional bid information. Wally predicts a record number of runs for 2000.

TA:
Bill Moulton has submitted a request for comp time. Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to approve comp time in the amount of 6 hours for 11/26/00. Passed. A request for a handicap parking space has been received from Community Action. They would like it located immediately in front of their office at 85 Portland Street. Don A. moved and Jim P. seconded an amended motion to approve the location of a handicap space at 85 Portland Street to be installed (pavements markings/sign) in the spring as weather permits. Passed. The Board received a written letter of resignation from Burt Allaire regarding his position as LCPC representative. Twig Farqhuarson submitted in writing a request to purchase fireworks. Don A. moved and Lee S. seconded a motion to authorize $5,000 for the purchase on or before 2/9/01. Passed. Julia C. updated the Board on the status of the Downtown Designation. Joss Besse will meet with MCP to work on revisions to the application. The Board reviewed the final draft of the Personnel Policy. Don A. moved and Lee S. seconded a motion to approve the policy as written. Passed. The Board received a draft of the Right of Way Policy. The Board will re-visit the policy on 1/2/01. Julia C. reminded the Board of the need to choose a cover and dedication recipient for the Town Report. The Board will decide this matter on 12/18/00. The Board signed the AOT TA65 form regarding completion of the Bridge Street bridge repair. Julia C. gave an update on the Municipal Parking Lot. Richard Sargent is preparing the quit claim deeds, Allen Newton is revising the survey, a check will be cut in the amount of $1,500 for Henry Tottenham.

Old Business:
Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 11/27/00 as written. Passed. The Cemetery Commissioners have not drafted an article for Town Meeting yet. Steve L. requested that Julia C. research the rack price on the recent fuel delivery and verify the terms of the bid contract.

New Business:
Steve L. moved and Don A seconded a moiton to accept the written resignation of George Robson. The Selectboard directed Julia C. to send a letter of acceptance thanking George for his time with the Planning Commission. The Board reviewed a letter from the side judges regarding the meeting schedule conflict. The Board requested that Julia C. invite them to the next Board meeting. The joint meeting of the Selectboard, DRB and Planning Commission will be on 12/14/00. Brian G. encouraged all to be in attendance. The Board will discuss zoning office and budget issues at this time.

Warrants/Payroll:
Jim P. moved and Steve L. seconded a motion to approve Warrant #0053- $56,876.91. Passed. Jim P. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to approve Warrant #0052 - $37,662.34. Passed. Lee S. moved and Jim P. seconded a motion to approve Payroll Warrant for period ending 12/2/00 paid 12/6/00 - $34,567.63. Passed. Don A. moved and Lee S. seconded a motion to approve ML-5 -$294,082.32. Passed.