SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 2, 2001

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

Members Absent: None

Dept. Heads: Richard K., Bill M., Mary Ann W.

The meeting convened at 6:00PM.

HIGHWAY DEPT:
The school generator has repeatedly blown block heater fuses. Lee S. to contact Leon Kinsley to examine it. Lee S. to follow up with custodian Bob Beach regarding weekly generator testing. The Department has been busy plowing/hauling snow. More road salt may be needed next week – money available in the budget.

POLICE:
The Department received 168 calls since 12/18/00, with one detox transfer. Ryan Bjerke, Eric Dodge and Richard K. participated in Toys for Tots serving 35 children. Activity is at a quieter winter level.

RESCUE:
No report.

FIRE:
No report.

GENERAL GOVT:
Bourne's has donated $100 toward the Fire Department and $100 toward Rescue. The office has been busy with year-end, Town Report, dog licensing and the land records index program. The use of the vote tabulator versus hand counting was discussed for Town Meeting. The Selectboard will revisit the issue on 1/8/01. Lee S. inquired about the status of Howard Alter. Mary Ann indicated he has paid.

TA:
The 1/4/01 hearing on the Manosh appeal has been postponed until May. Bredice Appraisal will conduct their appraisal next week with Lynn's assistance. Texx Luce has not paid for damages to the Stagecoach Road paving. The matter will not be pursued in Small Claims Court. VLCT/PACIF has increased over 21% mainly due to increased claims. Inhouse staff meetings and training will address this issue. Bill M. suggested changing insurance companies. Brian G. doubted any other company would return reserves as a credit. Mary Ann stated the new manager might have a positive effect. A dozen VOSHA policies have been completed and staff training will follow. Two comp time vouchers for Bill M. were submitted. Lee S. moved and Jim P. seconded a motion to approve the comp time requests. Passed. Don A. moved and Jim P. seconded a motion to

approve the Highway Mileage Certificate for 101.639 miles. Passed. Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to identify Brian G. and Julia C. as authorized signers for Planning Grant requisition. Passed. Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to authorize the signing of a corporate resolution for River Arts to establish an account with Edward Jones for transfer and receipt of IBM stocks donated to the group. Passed. David Sanborn submitted his name for consideration as a Lister. Steve L. moved and Lee S. seconded a motion to appoint David as the third Lister until Town Meeting. Passed. Carol B. has been experiencing significant power surges in her office. Mary Ann to follow up with Scott Corse. Issue to be re-visited as necessary. There is confusion surrounding the July 4th Committee request for a $6000 appropriation. Previous correspondence indicated the last appropriation covered a two-year budget. Brian G. suggested inviting the committee to the 1/8/01 Selectboard meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:
Don A. moved and Lee S. seconded a motion to approve the 12/14/00 joint meeting and 12/18/00 regular meeting minutes. Passed. Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to enter into the AOT Bike & Ped Grant Cooperative Agreement. Steve L. inquired what the grant specified for maintenance. Brian G. and Julia C. explained that normal sidewalk maintenance would be required. Lee S. clarified that the sidewalk would run from Bridge and Brooklyn Streets to Harrel Street. Brian G. stated a request for proposal needs to go out for a Municpal Project Manager (MPM). The grant breaks down duties, responsibilities and how the MPM will be paid. Steve L/ questioned cost overrun. Julia C. explained building costs into the grant and the unlikeliness of running over budget. Passed. Lee S. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to have Julia C. initiated the MPM process. The project time frame is two years. Passed. A draft Quit Claim deed has been delivered to Henry Tottenham for review. He has not responded yet. Upon execution of the Deed payment in the amount of $1,500 will be made to him.

NEW BUSINESS:
LRSWMD submitted a letter of request for the Town to provide space for their drop off station or to assist with the rent they are now being charged at the Manosh location. Steve L. expressed opposition to funding their site. Alternative sites have been suggested to LRSWMD in the past. Brian G. recalled that users fund the operation and that the District as a whole is profitable. Brian G. directed Julia C. to send a letter of response expressing support for keeping the site in Morrisville, but leaving the siting and financial responsibility with the District.

GUESTS:
Side Judges Richard Dillon and Joanne Batchelder presented the county budget for discussion. They are proposing a one-time 17-month budget to convert the fiscal year to be compatible with participating towns. A $97,000 reserve will be used to cover the conversion. Julia C. expressed concern over duplication of budget items in the County and Sheriff's budget. The Side Judges indicated that they do not participate in the Sheriff's budget process. Some of their line items are mandated statutorily to support the Sheriff's Department. The Judges went over areas of increase in the budget. Brian G. questioned a line item for training of Sheriff's Department personnel that also appears in

the Sheriff's budget. He suggested a joint audit to review any duplication. A copy of the Sheriff's Department budget will be sent to the Side Judges. Steve L. and Brian G. expressed concern that depletion of the $97,000 would create a deficit the following year. The Side Judges stated that the one time expenditure of the funds would not directly impact future budget increases.

PAYROLL/WARRANTS:
No requests.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Lee S. moved and Jim P. seconded a motion to move into executive session on a contract issue. Passed. Brian G. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to move out of executive session. Passed. No action taken.

Don A. reported that with the Cemetery Commissioner's resignation an article needs to be drafted for Town Meeting. The Cemetery Association Articles of Association, Bylaws, Officers and membership requirements were discussed. Brian G. stated the Selectboard is interested in having one group manage it. Don A. suggested that the Town Treasurer could handle finances. Brian G. directed Julia C. to contact Attorney Sargent to draft an article regarding the discontinuance of Cemetery Commissioners and the resulting authority of the Selectboard with regard to delegating management to a third party. Upon approval of the article, the matter would be discussed with the Cemetery Association at their April annual meeting. Don A. offered to take care of the bookkeeping until then. Herman Fiess has agreed to sell lots pending reorganization. Steve L. suggested that Charlie Bailey should be thanked for his years of service if he is not reelected as an officer. Steve L. moved and Lee S. seconded a motion to accept the resignations of Cemetery Commissioners Don Anderson, Rudy Loyola, Carroll Tenney and Patrick Persico. Passed. Don A. abstained.

Don A. moved and Jim P. seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:15PM.

Julia Compagna
Scribe
Minutes filed 1/3/01

Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes Not Approved