SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2012

10:00AM

Present: Robert S. Moore Brendan Kelly Aboul B. Khan Barry Brenner, Town Manager

Chairman Moore opened the meeting at 10:05AM.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Mr. Brenner explained the Budget Committee met on Thursday, January 12 to review the warrant articles and they raised some questions.

<u>Article 23</u> - this article is to replace the recycling truck and asked if this could be purchased from the revolving account that was established. The balance in this account as of December 31, 2011 is \$100,440. Mr. Starkey is comfortable with purchasing this truck from this account. The recommendation is for the Selectmen to withdraw this article from the ballot. Mr. Brenner explained that at some point in 2012 the Public Works Manager would come before the Selectmen to request they expend funds from this account to purchase a new recycling truck.

MOTION:	Brendan Kelly	To withdraw the article
Second:	Aboul B. Khan	for purchase of a new
Unanimous		recycling truck.

<u>Article 29</u> - this article is to purchase a utility truck for the Sewer Department. The recommendation is to add "to sell or trade the vehicle that is in the worst condition". Mr. Kelly read the new wording of the article into the record.

MOTION:	Aboul B. Khan	То	approv	re 1	the	new
Second:	Brendan Kelly	WO	rding f	or	thi	S
Unanimous		art	ticle.			

CITIZEN PETITIONS

Mr. Brenner said there were four articles that met the deadline. He explained the signatures needed to be certified by the Supervisors of the Checklist and only two of the four had the requisite number of signatures.

Mr. Kelly commented on the process for the articles and said that although the articles say recommended by the Board of Selectmen that does not mean they are backing the article they are just allowing the article to be on the ballot for the voters to decide. SELECTMEN'S MEETING -2- JANUARY 16, 2012

DEFAULT BUDGET

Mr. Brenner explained the change is due to the electricity in the Water Department for the Water Treatment Plant. This will be a further reduction in the line item so would also be a reduction in the default budget. The new figure is \$18,698,557, which is a slight difference from the 2011 budget of \$18,725,282. The current proposed budget is \$18,665,274. The default budget is slightly higher than the proposed budget.

Mr. Kelly spoke of the discussion the Budget Committee had regarding the Library and warrant articles for books and salary increases. They discussed having the money for both in the budget going forward.

MOTION: Robert S. Moore Second: Brendan Kelly Unanimous

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Meeting adjourned at 10:35AM Minutes taken by Kelly O'Connor

To approve the revised default budget figure of \$18,698,557.

To adjourn the meeting at 10:35AM.

Approved and endorsed

Aboul Khan, Clerk

Date: