

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES JANUARY 23, 2012
APPROVED**

Present: Anna Eliot, Chairman; Peter Cunningham, Clerk; Joshua A. Degen; Stuart M. Schulman

Absent: George Dillon, Jr., Vice Chairman

Also Present: Mark W. Haddad, Town Manager; Patrice Garvin, Executive Assistant

Ms. Eliot called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and reviewed the agenda.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Haddad reported that there was a vacancy on the Council on Aging. The council is recommending that the Selectmen appoint Vera Strickland of 48 Townsend Road to this vacancy. **[Document 1- V. Strickland CIF]** *Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint Vera Strickland to the Council on Aging, term to expire 6-30-14. Mr. Schulman seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.*
2. Mr. Haddad reported that there was a vacancy on the Local Cultural Council. The Chairman Hariie Sloombeek was recommending Gretchen Hummon be appointed. **[Document 2- Gretchen Hummon CIF]** *Mr. Schulman moved to appoint Gretchen Hummon to the Local Cultural Council for a six year term. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.*
3. Mr. Haddad presented his schedule for the February 11th meeting with the Finance Committee. The Departments that will be meeting with the Finance Committee are the Board of Library Trustees, IT Director, Fire Chief, land Use Director, Police Chief, DPW and the Pool & Golf Center. **[Document 3- Budget Schedule]**

GROTON READS-2012-INTRODUCTION AND UPDATE

Owen Shuman presented the book *Moneyball* to the selectmen as this year's *GROTONReads* selection. Ms. Shuman also updated the Board on recent additions to the library. David Mellipgnano, organizer for *GROTONReads* updated the Board on all of the upcoming events and activities surrounding the book.

FY2013 PROPOSED BUDGET-DISCUSSION

Mr. Haddad reported that he attended the MMA Conference and that the Governor has proposed to level fund local aid and Chapter 70 monies. Mr. Haddad stated that he budgeted for level funding. Mr. Haddad stated that most likely the House and Senate would agree to the Governors budget and that state revenues were up. Mr. Haddad stated that he would update the Board on local receipts at the 2-11 meeting with the Finance Committee. Mr. Haddad referenced which departments would be in on the 11th. Mr. Cunningham asked if there was anything else the state is providing to assist communities. Mr. Haddad noted the encouragement in regionalization. Mr. Dillon previously asked for an updated revenues and expenses for the Pool and Golf Center. Mr. Degen also asked for the revenues and expenses. Mr. Degen stated that he had questions but would wait until the 11th meeting. Mr. Schulman asked about the Snow and Ice budget. Mr. Haddad explained the affect of Snow and Ice on next year's budget. Mr. Schulman asked about the process to fill the vacancy in the police department. Mr. Haddad stated that interviews were being held and hoped to have an appointment to the Board by the February 6th meeting.

Mr. Haddad reported that the Superintendent will have preliminary numbers in the next few weeks. Ms. Jenkins explained to the Board the refinancing of loans by the schools department and how that affects the budget. Mr. Haddad briefly discussed the Chapter 70 formula and how it impacts Groton.

LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Eliot reported that she attended the Planning Boards Master Plan Hearing.

MINUTES

Mr. Schulman moved to approve the December 19, 2011 meeting minutes. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the Executive Session Meeting of December 5, 2011, to be released. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schulman moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:30pm; Pursuant to MGL c.30A Sec 21 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, and not to return into open session. Mr. Degen seconded the motion. Degen-aye; Cunningham-aye; Schulman-aye; Eliot-aye.

Approved: _____
Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk

_____ respectfully submitted,
Patrice Garvin
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

Date Approved: 2-16-12