

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 2, 2012 – 7:30 PM

The special meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple and Selectman Jeffrey Haney. Absent: Selectman Dave McKane. Also present: Attorney Kevin Condon and Joanne Pelton, Administrative Assistant.

MOTION to go into executive session made by Selectman Haney to discuss the bid on 66 Hawley Road and delinquent tax payers. Second by First Selectman Temple. Motion passes unanimously. Those invited to stay for executive session: First Selectman George Temple, Selectman Jeffrey Haney and Attorney Kevin Condon.

MOTION to come out of executive session made by Selectman Haney at 7:45 p.m. Second by First Selectman Temple. Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION made by Selectman Haney to accept the bid of \$600,000 with regard to 66 Hawley Road, Oxford. Second by First Selectman Temple.

Discussion: Attorney Condon advised the Selectmen that he recommended that the Town accept the bid of \$600,000 regarding 66 Hawley Road. He noted that there was a tax auction held on 6/28/12 and there was one bidder who bid \$600,000. The amount of demand is approximately \$1.2 Million which includes 15 years of taxes, interest, fees and costs associated with the sale. Once all fees and costs are paid, the Town still has more than what the actual tax is. Also, the acceptance of this bid does not relieve the delinquent tax holder of the obligation of the interest in the event the Town brings an action for collection of the money. He also indicated that, if the bid is not accepted, the Town will take the property and the responsibility to maintain it. The property was taken at auction "as is" and we have no idea what is stored there. Environmental issues are a possible concern also. He noted that a prudent path to take would be to accept the tax collector's recommendation that the \$600,000 bid be accepted. First Selectman Temple noted that he is not in favor of having the Town obtain the property. He spoke about the costs and indicated that we will have more than enough to cover the principal debt. Selectman Haney also agreed that the Town should accept the bid.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION made by Selectman Haney to accept the resignation of Cayenne Spemullo, Tax Collector. Second by First Selectman Temple. Discussion: First Selectman Temple noted that Cayenne gave her written notice last week. Motion passes unanimously.

Paula Jenson attended the meeting.

MOTION made by First Selectman Temple to appoint Paula Jenson as successor. Second by Selectman Haney. Discussion: First Selectman Temple noted that Paula has a very impressive resume and that she is an accountant. In accordance with State statute, the successor must be Republican and this requirement has been met. He noted that the Town is fortunate to have her as Tax Collector. Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION to adjourn made by First Selectman Temple at 7:55 p.m. Second by Selectman Haney. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, subject to approval

Marni Soss

Marni Soss, Clerk

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Margaret H. West
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