

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 1, 2006**

Merilynn Bourne, Stu Hodgeman, and John Hammond present.

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM.

Selectmen met with Dan Flynn, Bob Maslan, Carol Rennie, Fred Sullivan, Bob Bladen and Bill Caterino to review 2007 budget proposals. Dan was called away from the meeting due to trees down from the storm.

Kyle Witty stopped in to ask the Selectmen about warrant articles by petition and to ask to have the Highway Department move reflector posts on Platt Road.

Budget hearing continued. The drafts will be edited with suggestions implemented and the committee will meet again in about 2 weeks. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne

**MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 29, 2006**

Merilynn Bourne, Stuart Hodgeman and John Hammond present.

Meeting opened at 9:00 AM.

The Board spoke with Jim McClammer about providing an engineering study to address DES concerns on Jackson and Center Roads. Jackson Road is the immediate concern to mitigate water flow. DES wants a plan to them by Dec. 15th which Jim says he can meet. He is in contact with DES and working on a plan. His cost may approach \$5,000. Costs of any materials are yet unknown.

Larry Dingee came in to discuss actions being taken by the board on Jackson Road issues. He talked budget and other issues.

Selectmen reviewed health plan options for town employees.

Selectmen spoke with a representative of the Local Government Center about unemployment for elected Road Agent (elected officials not eligible) and changes in fee vs wage compensation for town clerk/tax collector. If the town wishes to change the current structure it would need to be by vote of the citizens.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MINUTES OF THE SELECBOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 22, 2006**

Merilynn Bourne and John Hammond present.

Meeting opened at 9:00 AM

Selectmen signed a building permit for Richard Hull for a dormer.

Selectmen voted to add a permitting fee to the Town schedule for permits. The new fee will set the rate for cell towers. Selectmen approved a base fee of \$450.00 plus 5 cents a square foot for the base fenced in area of the compound.

Selectmen met with Nancy Wightman and Janice Orion to discuss the State's response to the dredging on Jackson Rd.

Selectmen met with Jim Fitch to discuss the utility company's damage to the Town Forest road. Selectmen will meet with a company representative on site next Tuesday.

Selectmen called Verizon Wireless to notify them of the permit fee. The check will be in the mail today.

Doug Hackett called Selectmen to report on his 2006 budget. His is on track and in line.

Selectmen left a phone message for Jim McClammer requesting the cost of a wetlands restoration plan.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MINUTES FROM THE SELECTBOARD MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 17, 2006**

Merilynn Bourne and John Hammond present.

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM

Scott Baker stopped in for a copy of his tax card.

Don Snowden stopped in to drop off unapproved minutes from the Conservation Commission meeting. Everett Cass joined the meeting. There was a general discussion about the concerns for repair work and soon. Everett Cass wanted to know if John Furgat had provided a certificate of liability insurance prior to being hired to ditch.

Richard Thompson stopped in to drop off bids for the Recycling Center shed and structural repair on the Town Office building.

Dan Flynn came into the office to pickup a digital camera to use for documenting road work and conditions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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**MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 15, 2006.**

Merilynn Bourne, Stuart Hodgeman and John Hammond present.

Meeting opened at 9:00 AM.

Sue Fitch called the office to voice her concern about the work in the wetlands on Jackson Road. Selectmen explained they were waiting for the DES report to come back with a report on the work that was done.

Nancy Wightman and Janice Orion met with Selectmen for an update on town business for the "Consider This".

Chuck Sullivan came in to ask about solutions for cans of oils based and latex paints. He was told about the twice yearly hazardous waste days.

Jim Fitch met with Selectmen to discuss putting a building on land that is in current use.

Nate Cass brought in the final contract for Windsor Dispatch for the Selectmen to sign.

John Woodhull met with Selectmen to voice his concern about the dredging and damage to the wetlands on Jackson Road.

John Furgat met with the Selectmen to discuss the flooding issue on his land as a result of the beaver pond below his property. He was directed to the DES for guidelines and Selectmen provided Mr. Furgat with copies of wetlands permitting guidelines and requirements.

Selectmen adjourned the office hours to review Jackson Road at 11:15 AM.

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**MINUTES FROM THE SELECTBOARD MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 10, 2006**

Merilynn Bourne and Stuart Hodgeman present.

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM

Don Snowden met with Selectmen to talk about wetlands issues.

Maureen Young met with Selectmen to talk about the Putnam property. She was directed to the realtors.

Selectmen talked with Dan Flynn about the week's roadwork.

Selectmen met with Paula Harthan to review mail in automobile registration forms. These forms will be available in January 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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**MINUTES FROM THE SELECTBOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 8, 2006**

Merilynn Bourne and Stuart Hodgeman present.

Meeting opened at 9:00 AM.

Selectmen voted to allow a one time use of the Town Office for a meeting space for an outside group, since no records have been moved to the second floor at this time. Once maps and records are moved upstairs, the space will be for town boards/groups only.

Selectmen signed a building permit for Robert Hier.

Selectmen signed the dispatch agreement with Windsor dispatch.

Dan Flynn stopped in the office to talk about his budget proposal. The budget is up 13% over last year's budget due to black top.

Selectmen spoke with Town Attorney Mike Fuerst regarding the Electric Coop and New England Power challenging their assessments. Attorney Fuerst will call Avitar Assessing directly for an understanding of the abatement filing.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

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Meeting opened at 9:00 AM.

Selectmen met with Albert Earle to review his draft budget for 2007. It was decided the work period for Cemeteries and Building and Grounds would be April 1 through October 31.

John Phelps, logger, met with Selectmen to discuss his client's wishing to significantly cut trees to open the view to the home site. Mr. Phelps is also working with the State as some of the cutting would be done on Route 12A. Selectmen advised Mr. Phelps to contact the Conservation Commission for their input.

Wayne McCutcheon met with Selectmen for the town stamp on the septic design for the Jewell lot on Route 120.

Jennifer Wishnefsky met with Selectmen for a signature for her daycare operation at the school.

Selectmen placed a call to National Grid to report on damage to Town roads by their maintenance workers. No one was available so a message was left.

Selectmen met with Town Treasurer, Bill Caterino, to review the tax rate for the December billing. The rate has gone down 70 cents due to a significant reduction in high school tuition.

John White met with Selectmen to ask about Trinity Church use of the Town office building for a church service on November 12th. Selectmen will check with Town Counsel for an opinion.

A representative from National Grid called the Selectmen to discuss damage to the town forest and town roads. Steve Damiano will report back to the Selectmen next week. He will contact Dan Flynn and Virginia Prince for their concerns.

Selectmen discussed office hours for November. The decision was to cancel the Selectboard meeting schedule for Friday, November 24th, the day after Thanksgiving.

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- Linda discussed stream bank stabilization with Dan and Dan understands permits are needed for such work (5 year permit).

- Linda covered “what now” since work has been completed. What about 12 months from now and the return of water to the end of Jackson Road?
- Linda will check with the State for approval of work after the fact.
- Bigger question is what should be done in the future for the situation.
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- Bill Gallagher asked about loss of property markers and silt in brooks below the site. Linda was not able to address those issues.
- Merilynn Bourne asked about habitat impact. Jim McClammer responded that, in his opinion, the impact is significant. He recommends storm dams in the channel to slow water flow and silt damage down stream.
- Linda recommends hiring a road engineer for long term solutions.
- Bill Gallagher asked about the wetlands work on Center Road. Linda stated it was excessive and constituted a violation.
- Any restoration work not on town land would need the property owner’s approval.
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