

SELECTMEN'S WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

TOWN HALL, MAHOGANY ROOM, 1st FLOOR

- 1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 pm**
- 2. OFFICIAL BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - Discussion on Charles Street Bridge
- 3. ADJOURNMENT**

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On the above date the Board of Selectmen held a Workshop meeting at Town Hall at 7:00 PM. Chairman Harrington presided, present: Michael Ouellette and John Duval absent: Scott Nichols and Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator.

Chairman Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

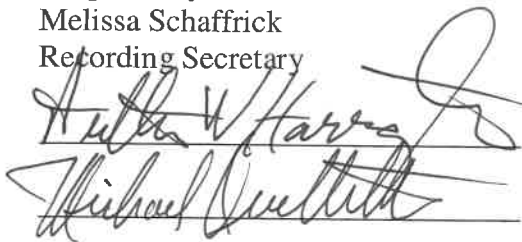
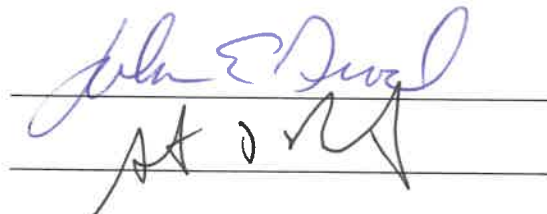
There was discussion from the Board regarding the Charles Street Bridge, residents Rosemarie Malloy of Charles Street and William Blakeney of Davis Street expressed their concerns if the bridge was not replaced by the Town. They both felt there would be extra time added to the response of emergency vehicles that could result in a life or death situation. Emergency Personnel commented that there is a plan in place for emergencies if they occurred, Paul Goyette, Fire Chief commented that he would prefer the bridge be replaced. Chairman Harrington read a section of the August 22, 2012 minutes in which Jonathan Butler, Town Administrator commented that the cost of repairs for the bridge could be \$165,000 - \$185,000 these are the initial estimates received from Hill Engineers. FEMA will only reimburse the Town \$19,000 - \$30,000 or 75% depending on what the project consist of, also this is an unaccepted street which limits the amount of money the Town can spend. There was also discussion regarding if the Town would accept the street, in order for them to accept it, it would have to be brought up to the current code and specs required for all new streets. The cost of these repairs would fall to the residents who live on those streets; both Mrs. Malloy and Mr. Blakeney felt the residents would not pay for this. The Board discussed if this should be sent to Town Meeting for Meeting Members to decide, the cost is too high for the Town Administrator or the Board of Selectmen to make that decision. After some discussion it was decided that the Board would not be in support of this project. The bridge is a second egress to these houses also it is not clear as to who owns the bridge, the Board will ask Town Counsel to review this issue. Member Duval asked if the bridge was not repaired who is responsible for the cleanup and to make this safe again and what that cost would be. It was decided to send a letter to each Department for their recommendation on replacing the bridge. Chairman Harrington decided to further discuss this at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

With no further business to transact a motion made by Member Ouellette, seconded by Member Duval to adjourn at 8:10 PM – Unanimous – motion passed

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Schaffrick

Recording Secretary

Handwritten signatures of Jonathan W. Harrington and Michael Ouellette.Handwritten signature of John E. Duval.