

**Townshend Select Board  
Minutes  
September 6, 2011**

**Present:**

**Select Board:** Hedy Harris; Jeff Russ; Ryan Hockertlotz; Steve Ovenden; Bruce Bills

**In Attendance:** Kim Ellison; David Dezendorf; Kurt Bostrom; Bob DeSiervo; Susanna Palmer; Susan Eastwood; John Eastwood; Sam Garfield; Barbara Garfield; Deputy Fellows; Craig Hunt

1. **Call to Order:** Harris called the Meeting to Order at 6:04 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Hockertlotz made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of August 15, 2011,** seconded by Harris, and carried by those present.

3. **Additions and Deletions:** None at this time.

4. **Warrants:** Hockertlotz made a motion: **To approve the Warrants of August 15, 2011,** seconded by Harris, and carried by those present.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 291,597.38</b>
(TES \$ 272,032.50)	
<b>Highway Department</b>	<b>\$ 278,748.46</b>
(Windham Hill \$ 232,763.00)	
Gravel Crushing \$ 32,255.00)	
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 20,711.71</b>
<b>Sidewalks:</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>

5. **Reports: Town Clerk's Report:** The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's cash-journal reports from the prior weeks.

**Bookkeeper's / Treasurer's Report:** Ellison reported that the first quarter tax payments were being received well, and that a plan for addressing VLCT's Loss Prevention findings at the Highway Garage needed to be drafted.

**Highway Foreman's Report:** Bostrom reported upon the actions of the Highway Department, contractors and volunteers following the storm of August 28, 2011. Special thanks were extended to Gould & Sons, Michael Charles, and Dale Clark for their efforts to get roads open after the flooding. Lengthy discussion followed.

Sam Garfield discussed with Bostrom the need to upgrade a culvert on Stephenson's Curve.

John Eastwood discussed with Bostrom the need for a culvert replacement on Acton Hill Road, following logging operations at McDougal's.

**Townshend Fire Department Report:** Russ reported that Brunelle had begun fire station repairs and expected to be finished within a few weeks.

**Law Enforcement Report:** Deputy Fellows briefly described how the Sheriff's Department responded during the recent storm.

**Emergency Management Director's Report:** Dezendorf and members of the Select Board held lengthy discussion about the storm and clean-up efforts, focusing especially upon preparation of the documentary reports needed in the coming weeks for the Agency of Natural Resources and FEMA.

**6. Correspondence:** The Board received a written report with recommendations from the Ancient Roads Committee, to be discussed at the next meeting

**7. Old Business:**

**Waste Management:** Hockertlotz reported that Joe Novick would be joining the Waste Management Study Committee.

**Highway Garage Repairs:** No report at this time.

**Dog Control Ordinance:** Harris made a motion: **To table Dog Control Ordinance discussions until further notice,** seconded by Hockertlotz, and carried by those present.

**8. New Business:** Nothing at this time.

**9. Members of the Public:**

Susanna Palmer spoke with the Board about how the Listers office was reviewing the mandate for re-appraisal.

**10. Executive Session:** Harris made a motion: **To enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:12 p.m.,** carried by those present.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:28 p.m., and, as a result, no action was taken.

**11. Meeting Schedules:**

Regular Select Board Meeting: September 19th at 6:00 p.m.

**12. Adjournment:** Hockertlotz made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:30 p.m.,** carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt, assistant