

Townshend Select Board Minutes March 5, 2012

Present:

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

In Attendance: Kim Ellison; Kurt Bostrom; David Liebow; Irvin Stowell; Craig Hunt

1. Call to Order: Harris called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 P.M. and welcomed Town Meeting moderator David Liebow.

2. Approval of Minutes: Russ made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of February 20, 2012, February 24, 2012 and February 28, 2012**, seconded by Harris, and carried by those present.

3. Additions and Deletions: None at this time.

4. Warrants: Bills made a motion: **To approve the Warrants of March 5, 2012**, seconded by Russ, and carried by those present.

General Fund	\$ 9,545.29
Highway Department	\$ 13,924.00
Payroll	\$ 24,637.59

5. Reports: Law Enforcement Report: Nothing at this time.

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

Bookkeeper's / Treasurer's Report: Ellison reported to the Board that money was tight with about 10% outstanding in 3rd quarter taxes, payments to be made to Townshend Elementary and Leland & Gray High Schools, with no FEMA money having been yet received, but with big costs for the Dam Road culvert and the beginning of re-appraisal coming up. Discussion continued about the probable need for the Town to use its line of credit prior to June 30, 2012, and possibly borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Highway Department Report: Bostrom reported that Bazin was getting ready to set the footings on the Dam Road culvert project and compact the fill around

those footings. He also reported that the JD 544 loader had had brakes re-done and new bushings replaced for the bucket. Though the winter had been relatively easy for plowing, he said, sand and salt have been depleted from almost daily use.

Emergency Management Director's Report: Nothing at this time.

6. Members of the Public: Irvin Stowell asked if the Town had bought a GPS unit for the Ancient Roads Committee. Harris answered that the Town had not.

7. Correspondence: Nothing at this time.

8. Old Business: Nothing at this time.

9. New Business: Board members engaged in lengthy discussion about tomorrow's Town Meeting with moderator Liebow.

10. Executive Session: None at this time.

11. Meeting Schedules: Town Meeting: March 6th at 9:00 A.M.

12. Adjournment: Bills made a motion: **To adjourn at 7:53 P.M.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted:

Craig K. Hunt, assistant