

SELECTMEN'S MEETING SUMMARY
January 11, 2012

The weekly selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Selectman Wesley Daniel. Selectmen Donald Grinnell and Duane Vigue were also present.

The summary of the January 4, 2011, selectmen's meeting was approved as written.

The selectmen voted unanimously to approve a payroll warrants in the amounts of \$2,721.05 and \$745.27 and a vendor warrant in the amount of \$18,276.26.

Frank Jones, Jr., Road Commissioner, was absent and had no written report.

Bob Temple, Code Enforcement Officer was present but had no written report.

Wes introduced Susan Pratt, Superintendent for MSAD 40, who came to introduce herself to the Board of Selectmen and brief them about her educational philosophies. Ms. Pratt has been involved in education for 29 years, the last 9 of which have been in administration. Her background is with rural school districts and is a proponent of small schools remaining in individual towns. She would like to work with the SAD 40 municipalities to consolidate purchases of items such as paper and office supplies, heating oil and other common areas of purchasing. She stated the SAD 40 is fully NIMS compliant, and she would be available to the town to assist in grant writing. Having served on the Board of Selectmen for the town of Strong, she understands the balance of keeping taxes affordable while still providing a quality education to the children of the district. She expects the district to receive \$250,000 less in State funding for the 2012-2013 school budget mostly due to an increase of property valuations in the towns of the district. She encouraged the selectmen to be involved in the school budget process. She wants to check for reapportionment of the district which has not been reapportioned since 2003 and will ask for a selectman to sit on a committee for that purpose. She thanked the selectmen for their time and is always willing to accept phone calls or emails from any of the selectmen. The selectmen thanked Ms. Pratt for attending and stated that they looked forward to working with her.

Tom Johnston, Fire Chief, presented his proposed 2012 operating budget which again has been kept at the same levels as the last several years. He stated that due to normal wear and tear, he will need to replace 3-4 sets of firefighter turnout gear in the next year. He briefed the selectmen on the status of the new tank truck.

At 7:40 pm the selectmen entered in executive session with Ann Dean, Tax Collector, to discuss a pending legal issue regarding the foreclosure of a property for unpaid taxes. The selectmen returned to regular session at 7:50 pm and directed Ann to contact MMA for advice.

The selectmen will hold a work session February 6th, 8:00 – 10:00 am, to review and amend the Town of Washington Personnel Policy.

With no additional business to come before the board, the selectmen adjourned at 7:55 pm.