



# Town of Piermont

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## Board of Selectmen Work Session Minutes of Meeting April 17, 2014 at 7:30 AM

Present: Chairman, Colin Stubbings; Selectman, Robert Lang; Executive Assistant, Jennifer Collins; Road Agent, Frank Rodimon; Terri Mertz; Rich Dion.

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7.38 am and stated that it was being recorded for the purpose of accurate minutes only.

There was a discussion regarding the Inventories and the Avitar System's billing of the penalty. This led on to the accounting software, the budget and the chart of accounts. Jennifer Collins explained what Mark at Avitar had stated about the Inventory Penalty – it is 1% of the annual tax value and since you do not know what the final tax rate is until the second billing it is calculated then. Chairman Stubbings asked how we were doing with the Inventories and Jennifer stated that she had done what had been received. Jennifer was asked to contact Terry Robie, the Town's Zoning Administrator regarding replacement buildings on tax payer's properties. The penalty list should be available to discuss at the coming Tuesday's Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Frank Rodimon stated that adding cameras to the garage would not reduce the insurance cost. He gave the cost of the cameras quoted by Tasco to the Board. Frank said that they had bought the new chain for the sander at a cost for \$575 and had declined the used chain for \$500. He also outlined how they maintain the chain and the sander and that everything was in great shape with it. There was a discussion on employees with regard to the forthcoming meeting with Aflac.

Chairman Stubbings stated that Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank has the paperwork to sign for the safety deposit box if Selectmen Lang and Hartley could arrange to sign. This includes the annual TAN Agreement as well.

Jennifer Collins handed the Board copies of the draft minutes for the Budget Hearing, these will be reviewed and approved at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting. Chairman Stubbings stated that we must get the minutes out timelier.

Jennifer stated that March will be fully entered up by the end of the week and that quarterly reports will be available for Tuesday's meeting. The first quarter report is to comprise of actual expenditure against budget. The Treasurer will need to report cashflow statement and bank balances. The first billing Tax Warrant was again stated as being available for May 20.

A discussion on the available hours of the Town's various offices to the public was held.

The bid policy was discussed regarding the special pricing and agreement that Bernie Marvin had managed to make for the forthcoming 250<sup>th</sup> History of Piermont update. The Board accepted the special pricing and the control that has been allowed to Bernie from the printers was an exception. It was also noted that he had obtained verbal estimates from other printers prior to the final decision being made.

Discussion was had regarding the NH DOT meeting to be held in Concord to outline all the projects that it is to do. It was noted that only the small section of Route 25 is to be done. It was noted that perhaps only persistent requests may add any priority to anything we consider of urgent need of repair.

Selectmen Lang stated he had still not received the report he is awaiting from Fire Chief Bruce Henry and that this was needed to help finalize up the review of the ambulance cover for the Town and in particularly the east of Piermont.

Chairman Stubbings was asked if he had arranged the meeting with the Orford Selectboard yet and he stated he had not yet done. Chairman Stubbings stated he had not heard back from the Town of Landaff regarding the timber tax letter and he would try contacting them again.

The minutes from the April 3 Work Session were read, Selectmen Lang requested that the values emailed by Chairman Stubbings in response to Bagley's request for the cost incurred by the Town with regards to his abatement process be added to them. A motion to accept as amended was made by Selectman Lang and seconded by Chairman Stubbings. The draft minutes for April 10 are to be finalized tomorrow and available from then.

A discussion on stationery costs was had and Chairman Stubbings asked the Executive Assistant to ask W.B. Mason the prices before anything was ordered.

The April 29 9 am Court Hearing for Bagley will need to be noticed Jennifer is to arrange to deal with this.

Selectman Lang reiterated that we need paperwork to back up what was emailed by Paul Shields regarding his father's property taxes. Jennifer is to contact him and request that this is brought with him when he attends with the tax collector within the next two days. (Note: There was no attendance by Paul Shields in those days).

Terri Mertz asked if the SAU would deal with the appointment of the new School Principal. Selectman Lang explained the most likely process. Terri Mertz stated that we should have some input. The Board stated that it does not have any input and that these matters are discussed at school board meetings.

Rich Dion enquired about ordering the flagpoles for the Piermont Veterans Memorial Gardens and this was agreed could happen. Some discussion regarding the other items for the Gardens was also had.

At 9.13 Selectman Lang motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Work Session, this was seconded by Chairman Stubbings. The vote passed (2-0).

Respectfully submitted  
Colin Stubbings  
Chairman