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Date: October 22, 2012

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman Steven J. McDonough, Selectmen Daniel E. Donovan, III, and William F. Condra and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Chief Hautanen attended the meeting for the Public Hearing on the "Operation Safe Commute Grant". Selectman Condra asked if any federal strings are attached to this money. The Chief does not believe there is. He spoke about a previous grant he had received for portable radios. The Chief answered questions from the audience about the grant. The grant was accepted. The Board thanked Brent.

Jane Farrell attended the meeting at the request of the Board.

Chairman McDonough explained that he asked Jane to come in because he wanted to understand how Jane's billing system worked. At a previous meeting he had been led to believe that there were aspects that didn't work very well. Jane explained her program is a Windows driven program, however, not Microsoft Windows. The software for the water meter reader has been installed on her system again and meters will be read tomorrow. The water and sewer bills will be produced from her office. Jane expects to run one or two billings from her office and then expects the software will be taken out-of-house. Jane reported that the BMSI software that she uses is utilized by 85% of NH towns and it works with very well with the Vision software. Chairman McDonough asked Jane what the biggest issues were with the Water Departments "new" software. Jane simply stated that the numbers did not match. Chairman McDonough posed the question to the Water Commissioners. Jim Tuttle said that it would

allow them to print their own bills and customer list where the owner numbers would be the same. Chairman McDonough confirmed with Jim that the previous system did not work and is history. Jane explained that Wilton Water Works voted to discontinue the program after spending over \$10,000 on it. Chairman McDonough summed up the conversation by saying that they would try this next billing and see how it works.

Selectman Donovan noted that budgets are being drafted and he would like to know who will be doing the billing. Jim stated that in the future they plan to out-source the collections. Chairman McDonough asked Jane to compare the Water and Sewer billings to tax billings and liens. Jane said historically they have been billed together and that the unpaid Sewer bills get paid by a lien process, whereas the water fallback for non-payment is loss of service.

Jim talked about having the sewer bills based on water usage because as it would be a fairer system of billing and would lead to conservation. The Chairman stated that he hopes this round of billing goes smoothly. The Board thanked Jane.

Steve Elliott was next on the agenda to discuss the letter from DES regarding the oil tank removed from the Recycling Center. Mr. Elliott explained the details of the letter stating that there was not 100 gallons of sludge in the tank as stated. Steve will respond to the letter.

Next, the changes suggested by Donald Sienkiewicz for Isaac Frye Highway were discussed. Mr. Elliott does not agree with Donald's suggestions. He stated that the Town's road designs do not allow the Town to make the suggested changes. Selectman Donovan agrees it should be paved but suggested a yellow line and fog line on the edge. Steve Elliott does not feel that that section of road is any more hazardous than other roads in town.

Chairman McDonough questioned the legality of a petition warrant article that goes against a Town ordinance. Selectman Condra feels that Mr. Sienkiewicz is asking for special circumstances for design and maintenance on a road.

Chairman McDonough has a quote coming in for the sidewalk out

front. The Board would like to get it done before a frost sets in. Chairman McDonough showed Steve Elliott a past due bill for salt sold to a resident for commercial use. The Chairman stated that the staff has to chase people for payment. Mr. Elliott will follow up on the past due bill. Both the Board and Steve spoke in favor of eliminating this practice. The Board thanked Steve.

Harley Savage was next on the agenda. He introduced two audience members who were here with him; Burton Reynolds and Alan Preston. Mr. Savage came to discuss the Frye Mill Bridge. He gave some history on the Measure Mill, stating that it is the only one left in the State, and it is a tourist destination. He stated that the bridge was built in 1920 and has been on the red list for at least last 10 years. Mr. Savage was looking for information on when this bridge would be rebuilt. Steve Elliott spoke in depth about the bridges on the red list; the State Bridge Aid, and where the bridges in Town stand on the repair list stating that the worst bridge in his opinion is Old County Farm Bridge, then King Brook, then Frye's Bridge then Stagecoach. Mr. Savage asked if the Town could repair Frye Bridge. Selectman Donovan told Mr. Frye how the economy has them cutting everything. Mr. Elliott recommends having an engineer look it. It was decided to have Holden Engineering look at all four bridges and get as much information as possible including the possibility of moving the Frye Bridge downstream.

Jim Tuttle was next on the agenda to discuss the Island Street Bridge. He told the Board about a meeting the State is having Wednesday in Concord. The State wants the utility work on the project done first. The sewer line runs underneath the sidewalk on that bridge. The water line goes under the Kennedy building so that is not a problem. Jim will attend the meeting to get more information.

The Board had a conversation about the 141 thousand owed by Lyndeborough. Attorney Little will contact Attorney Dresher. Selectman Condra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chairman McDonough with all in favor at 8:32 P.M

Respectfully submitted;  
Pamela L. Atwood,  
Recording Secretary