

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES October 11, 2011

Members Present: Selectmen Ramsey, Crichton, Murphy, Chambers, Elton

Others: TM Trefethen, Town Attorney Alan Shepard

The Board of Selectmen were meeting in two executive sessions and then were to proceed to review existing Policies and Procedures of the Town.

****MOTION Chambers second Elton "enter executive session under MRSA 405 (6) (C)" passed 5-0 @ 6:30PM***

MOTION Elton second Chambers "exit executive session" passed 5-0 @ 7:08PM.

MOTION Murphy second Crichton "the Town Attorney shall take a lead role in the resent litigation received" (Note French & Lavigne vs. Town of Berwick and Bateman Partners as a party of Interest). Failed 2-3 (Ramsey, Chambers, Elton). The membership who voted against the motion felt that this motion was unnecessary seeing that the Town Attorney is hired to take a lead role in all town litigation and he is hired to protect the towns interest.

****MOTION Chambers second Elton "enter executive session under MRSA 405 (6) (F) to discuss a Poverty Abatement Application before us" passed 5-0 @ 7:13PM***

MOTION Crichton second Chambers "end executive session" passed 5-0 @ 7:20PM

MOTION Crichton second Murphy "deny the request for poverty abatement base on the fact that the application lacks appropriate facts to make an informed decision" passed 5-0.

The Board then review and discussed present policies and instructed the Town Manager to make appropriate changes to the ones review and prepare the next ones for further discussion to take place on Tuesday October 25, 2011.

MOTION Chambers second Elton "to adjourn" passed 8:06PM

Respectfully Submitted

Keith M. Trefethen

Town Manager