

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Kurt Youland called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Mr. Kevin Nichols, Mr. Dennis Richardson, Mr. Kurt Youland, Mr. Ralph Caldwell, Mr. Angelo Terreri, Mr. Kurt Schaub, Mr. Toby Martin. Guest: Many attended from the Rescue Department, and Androscoggin Sheriff's Department. Ken and Christine Letourneau
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** No adjustments to the agenda
3. **Town Audit Presentation – Ron Smith:** Ron stated that the Town is in a good financial position and basically is a debt free town. Feels that the board is doing a good job handling finances.
4. **Rescue Department Report: 4-1: Regular Monthly Report:** Total of 55 calls for the month of November. Safety Committee met on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Was awarded 3 sets of gear thru the Maine Municipal Safety Grant. Raised approximately \$1,000.00 from the first annual turkey dinner. **4-2: Special Commendations:** Mr. Martin presented the North Station a chain saw along with the safety equipment as a thank you for all their help with the turkey dinner, Mr. John Arsenault accept the gift for the North Station. Mr. Toby Martin also presented a plaque to the following individuals for their exemplary service in saving a 46 year old resident life: James LaFlamme & Lena Lavoie from Androscoggin Dispatch. Ross Gagne, Shawn Lavoie, John Arsenault and Brenda Gagne from Turner Rescue.
5. **Fire Department Report: 5-1: Regular Monthly Report:** Had bottles hydro tested. Working on getting records on the computer for easier tracking. Have started to review budget for the upcoming year.
6. **Town Meeting Warrant Article – Used Car Dealer Moratorium:** Several Selectmen and members of the public have expressed concern over the number of car dealerships and dealer annexes that have appeared on Route 4. Question of how the town might excise more control over this. Discussion on a Moratorium Ordinances to be presented to the voters at town meeting verse having stricter ordinances for car dealerships. Motion and second to put a moratorium on Auto dealership Annex's for the voters to vote on at town meeting. 3 in favor 1 opposed, Mr. Kurt Youland abstained. Mr. Kurt Schaub will work with the planning board to draft the moratorium. Mr. Ed Morris invited the selectmen to the planning board meeting on Wednesday night as the planning board will be discussing the number of house lots on a dead end street issue.
7. **Town Manager's Report: 7-1: Treasurer Resignation/Replacement:** Recently appointed Treasurer Darlene Beaulieu called Mr. Kurt Schaub on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and stated that she would not be in that day and was given her two weeks' notice. Darlene has not been in the office since. Mr. Kurt Schaub has been working on the warrants in her absences. Harry Childs will begin work as the new Treasurer on

- December 14<sup>th</sup>. **7-2: Tri-Town Selectmen Meeting:** The meeting will be held in Turner on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. **7-3: County Budget:** Mr. Kurt Schaub attended the final Budget Committee meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> during which the Committee's draft budget was approved. The budget is now in the hands of the County Commissioners and are expected to take final action on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. **7-4: Fiscal 2017 Budget:** The Budget Committee's organizational meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. **7-5: Christmas Eve Early Closing:** Mr. Kurt Schaub requested to close the office at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Motion and second to approve closing at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup>, unanimous vote. **7-6: Informational Report:** Mr. Kurt Schaub handed out a copy of the October 28<sup>th</sup> Road Committee meeting minutes. The Planning Board Chair, Margaret Imber is resigning as she is moving out of Turner.
- 8. Consent Agenda:** Motion and second to accept consent agenda as presented, unanimous vote.
  - 9. Executive Session – Personnel – Interview Fire Chief Candidates – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A):** Motion and second to enter into executive session at 7:30pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit executive session at 9:20pm, unanimous vote.
  - 10. Appointment of New Fire Chief:** Motion and second by Mr. Caldwell and seconded by Mr. Nichols to appoint Rodney Guptill as Fire Chief, subject to a six month probationary period. Motion by Angelo Terreri and seconded by Dennis Richardson to appoint Ross Gagne as Fire Chief, subject to a six month probationary period. There was no discussion. Mr. Youland called for a vote on the first motion. Motion passed 3 in favor Caldwell, Nichols, Youland, Richardson and Terreri did not vote. Since first motion passed did not vote on second motion. Rodney Guptill was appointed as Fire Chief.
  - 11. Brief Executive Session – Legal – pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (E):** Mr. Caldwell called for a brief executive session on an ongoing legal issue, the Whitman property. Motion and second to enter into executive session at 9:25pm, unanimous vote. Motion and second to exit executive session at 9:45pm, unanimous vote. No action taken.
  - 12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted,  
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