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**December 28, 2010
Selectmen's Meeting**

Present: C. Guiry DMD Ch., A. Richards, R. P. McGinnity, & A.A. Milkovits

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM.

Vendor checks were discussed and signed.

Agenda:

Appointments:

1. Attorney Charles Moser and property owners Ana and Antonio Aguiar were looking for guidance to de-commission the Aguiar's barn. The Aguiars wish to convert the barn apartment from a residential use to an agricultural use to save money on their property taxes. The barn is located at 144 Churchill Road, lot J-65. Building Inspector Kenneth Wilson was also present for this discussion. At some point the Aguiars will be building a house on the property. The Aguiars offered to remove the kitchen, full bath, cook stove, furnace, etc. to achieve the barn status. Chairman Guiry suggested that the leach bed should be inspected by the state; he is concerned for the age of the system. After more discussion, the Selectmen recommended that the Building Inspector inspect the barn apartment and inventory items and list what he recommends for removal. Selectmen McGinnity and Richards agree that the Aguiars may keep a sink and toilet in the barn on the first floor for their use when they are at the farm in Mason. This will not affect the status of the barn. Mr. Wilson will be meeting with the Aguiars this week to start the process and report back to the Selectmen.
2. Attorney Charles Moser appointed Commissioner to the NRPC, brought information to the Board concerning the need to appoint a Commissioner to the TTAC, the transportation committee of the NRPC. The Selectmen had appointed Peter LeCount as the alternate but had not appointed a commissioner to this committee. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted affirmative to appoint the Road Agent, Mark Brackett to the TTAC as commissioner.
3. Robert Bergeron, Gilman Hill Road, met with the Board to voice his objection to the Board's decision to assess the land use penalty tax on the Mason Congregational Church. The Selectmen had denied the abatement request of the Church for this tax. Mr. Bergeron stated that he had been on the Mason School Building Committee and they had been told by the Selectmen early in the building process that the Church would not be assessed any taxes or costs for the moving of the Parsonage. Mr. Bergeron was reminded that the Selectmen do not have the authority to waive any taxes. Selectman McGinnity explained that the Board's actions are bound by the RSAs and that there is an RSA that states specifically those non-profit groups, e.g. churches are not exempt from land use penalty taxes. On another matter, Mr. Bergeron as a member of the Vehicle Committee, wanted to know why a truck hadn't been purchased for the Highway Department. The Board explained at this point that there is not enough money in the budget. A new vehicle would have to be voted at Town Meeting. The Selectmen will direct the Road Agent to research vehicles for either rent or lease.

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Selectmen reviewed the following:

1. From Appraiser Richard Rockwood – report of settlement meeting & order for the BTLA. Property owners Vivian and Rod Rocheleau chose not to settle their abatement request with the Town so the BTLA will move forward to set a hearing date for the Rocheleaus versus the Town of Mason.
2. 2011 Highway Block Grant: \$78,503, an increase of over \$8,000 from 2010.
3. Completion Certificate: Cunningham, 260 Gilman Hill Road, new house. The Cunninghams removed mobile home and taken to Eisenhower property.
4. From Joanne Tramontozzi, DRA Appraiser Monitor sent a letter requesting various information from the Selectmen concerning the Town's assessing intentions for 2011, such as contract for assessing work, how will Town pay for the assessing, etc. Selectmen dictated a response to be sent to Mrs. Tramontozzi. The Town will maintain Mr. Rockwood for the assessing work and all else will need to be voted at Town Meeting in March. Mrs. Tramontozzi and Director Stephan Hamilton and Town Assessor Richard Rockwood will meet with the Board on Tuesday, January 11th.
5. Police logs
6. Other correspondence – notices of meetings, etc.

The Board entered into a non-public session at 8:35 PM for personnel issues. Present were the Selectmen and A.A. Milkovits. There was a matter of reputation discussed and action was taken. Session ended at 8:55 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Addendum: January 4, 2011

Selectmen P. McGinnity and A. Richards voted to re-open the Selectmen's meeting of December 28, 2010. Meeting opened at 7:25 PM. A motion was made, seconded and a vote taken to encumber Warrant Article # 11 Forestry Committee Projects for \$8,000 and Warrant Article # 13 Police Department Vests for \$708.95. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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