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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES May 14, 2009

<u>Called to Order</u> Meeting was called to order at 3:17 p.m.

Present

Nancy Griswold, Ann Banash, Leland Stevens, Selectboard members; Tracy Rogers, Town Administrator; David Hastings, Police Chief.

Executive Session

Lee made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the Police Chief's contract, and to reconvene at the conclusion of the discussion, which would be at approximately 3:45 p.m.. Ann seconded the motion. Ann voted to accept the motion; Lee voted to accept; Nancy voted to accept. The Board entered executive session at 3:18 p.m.

The Board resumed open meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Chief Hastings left the meeting.

Financial Management Team

On Nancy's request, Tracy presented a draft document outlining the membership of a financial management team and its responsibilities. Ann noted that including the Town Accountant on the team may necessitate more hours for her, therefore a higher assessment from the FRCOG. Tracy will check on that and report back to the Board.

Memorial Committee Gift

Tracy reported that Dr. Zak had donated \$500 to the Memorial Committee. Ann moved to accept the donation. Lee seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

Dick French Conservation Restricted Properties

Tracy reported that, while ensuring the Assessors' records were complete, the assessors' assistant noticed a lack of Selectboard signatures on a couple of conservation restrictions that had already been filed at the Registry of Deeds. Both properties belonged to the Cook/Blake estate and were administered by Dick French. Tracy contacted the Mount Grace Land Trust, who signed off on the restrictions, to see why the Board had not been consulted. Mount Grace reported that the restrictions are only temporary—for 30 years—at which time, should they choose to make them permanent, they will need to come before the Board.

Mayflower Contract

Nancy reported that the Board of Assessors has not yet signed a contract with Mayflower. Charges under a three-year contract amounted to \$8,100/year, while a year-to-year contract cost only \$4,000! The Assessors are still working on the issue.

The Assessors did receive an \$800 discount from Mayflower, which will allow both Nancy and Lynda to attend training.

<u>Adjourned</u> Meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Rogers, Town Administrator.

Ann H. Banash, Selectboard Clerk