

**TOWN OF ACTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
December 3, 2009**

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1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved as written.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Approved as written.
3. **SIGN WARRANT:** Approved and signed.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

(a) **Cable Committee Update:** Carol reported they are receiving good feedback and letters of appreciation for the cable presentations. They are still working on improvement of the audio and will be trying to encourage people to speak into the microphones. The committee will be meeting on Saturday, December 5 at 9 am. It was noted that Selectmen had a conference call with Scott Dunham before the meeting tonight. It is the intent, now that the program is up and running, to dissolve the committee and hire a director. They will be placing an ad in the paper. Larissa noted she feels this action should be put before the Town meeting to vote on. Dennis stated that last June the Town meeting voted to accept franchise fees and appropriate the use of the fees to fund the program.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

1. BOB BOHLMANN: York County Emergency Management Agency Director Bob Bohlmann was present to offer his agencies assistance to the Town to get Acton in compliance with the process of National Incident Management System reporting process know as NIMSCAST, which is needed to be eligible to receive FEMA grant. He noted the Fire Chief and members of his department are receiving the training. Selectman Tony Cogliandro displayed his certificate showing that he had completed the training. Bob noted that the Road Commissioners should be trained also. Bob also noted that Acton has had one of the best Emergency Plans which was created after ice storm 98, but the plan should be updated. He suggested maybe a team effort to update the plan would be the easiest.

2. DORIS BRACKEN RECOGNITION: Doris is stepping down as Librarian and Mary Waterhouse will be replacing her. Larissa presented Doris with a certificate of appreciation from the Selectmen and a poinsettia.

3. LARISSA TO READ OPEN LETTER: Larissa read a letter in response to some criticism of her performance as selectman. It will be attached to the minutes.

4. POLICY ON RECORDING MEETINGS: On a motion by Larissa, a policy noting the legal right to attend and record or film all public meetings, was signed.

5. TORT CLAIM: In response to Mr. Hannon's recent tort claim, Tony read a letter from MMA stating that the municipality is immune from tort charges under the law.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUEST: Selectmen voted to send a letter stating they support the Commissioner's efforts to explore the possibility of forming a County Charter, but have questions they would need answered before they would approve adoption of a charter.

Tony reported a memo will be going to all department heads relative to budget preparation.

The date for credit card acceptance has been extended while charges are being negotiated.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned 7:55 pm

8. MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Cogliandro, Dennis Long, Larissa Crockett

9. OTHERS PRESENT: Al and Linda Peterson, Paul Poyant, Bob Anderson, Jane Garvin, Carol Long, Karl Hodgdon, John Moore, Ed Walsh, Bob Bohlmann, Ethan Current, Andrea Rose, Holly Mooney, Anita Buttrick, Patti, Dutil, Mary Waterhouse, Doris and Charles Bracken, Elise Miller, Peter Smith, Lorraine Yeaton

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To the People of Acton,

It has become evident that there is question as to how much and in what way I spend time serving you. In the spirit of transparency I will begin to keep time sheets of my weeks that will be posted on the announcement board outside of the Town Hall. On these sheets I will record where I am, at what times and for what purpose. Any questions regarding what is listed are welcome and can be directed to me through email, my phone extension at the Town Hall or at the weekly BOS meetings. Please also note that my job title is Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor and that I will continue to use my time to be respectful of all three of these aspects. The past five months have been rewarding in some ways and frustrating in others. I have enjoyed meeting many people, learning the ins and outs of how municipal government works and finding ways where my talents can best be used in service to Acton. It is my intent to continue to pursue opportunities to work with other municipalities as well as with County and State government to meet some of the long term interests of our Town. I am pleased to be a part of the York County Advocacy Group working towards an improved vocational school in Sanford where our students would have new and expanded training options. I am looking forward to the same group securing support at the State level for remapping the flood zones so that accurate data is available and homeowners within and outside of the flood zone are properly identified. Within our town I am looking forward to building a stronger community through Town sponsored classes for seniors, pot luck suppers and a return of Acton Pride Day next summer. During my campaign I was open about my lifestyle. My full time job is that of home educator to my children. It is my intent to treat the position of Select Person as a part-time job, one that accounts for, on average, 12-15 hours a week of my time. I feel that a weekly salary of \$175.00 is in keeping with the number of hours worked and the responsibilities that come with this position.

Sincerely,

Larissa Crockett