

**TOWN OF ACTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
April 8, 2010**

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1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved as written.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Approved as written.
3. **WARRANT:** Signed.
4. **OLD BUSINESS;**

a. **Cable Committee Report:** Carol reported that they are desperately in need of volunteers to film events. She will train them in the use of the camera. Tracy Scully asked if the April 1 Selectmen's meeting will be aired before April 13. Carol explained the different processes that she has to go through between filming and airing, and the length of time it takes, but said she would do her best to have the April 1 meeting shown before April 13.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **DISCUSS ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to use monies from the unappropriated surplus fund for the purchase of equipment, with the advice and consent of the Warrant and Finance Committee. (Maximum expenditure to be no more that \$5,000.00.) :Larissa noted that \$5,000 was not enough money to purchase the used fire trucks and the selectmen had to go to the Town Meeting to get more money. Tony asked how long it has been \$5,000 and Lorraine said a long time. Selectmen will increase the request to \$15,000.

2. **TOWN MAILING:** Selectmen are sending a mailing with a notice of the dates for the referendum vote and including a treasurer's letter regarding the tax rate with the figures she used in her presentation last week. Mary Stanton asked what was the cost of the mailing and Larissa estimated between \$500 and \$600.

3. **JOHN MOORE RE: REFERENDUM QUESTIONS:** John Moore noted the second question on the referendum vote is *Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in the Town of Acton for an additional three years?* Moore stated that since more people come out to vote on a referendum than attend a Town Meeting, he recommends that the people vote yes on question 2. Mary Stanton said if people were concerned they should come out and vote at Town Meetings. Karl Hodgdon said that some people are intimidated about publicly raising their hands but they can vote openly in a closed booth. He also endorsed a yes vote.

4. **SEX OFFENDER:** Tony reported there is a registered sex offender who has moved into Acton. There is more information posted on the bulletin board and at the post office.

5. **MARY WATERHOUSE RE:LIBRARY FLOOR:** Mary reported there is an area in the middle of the Library floor where the shelves shake and move when you walk there. She does not feel there is a hazard at this time but will probably increase in danger as time passes. She got Pat Stevens to give an estimate for repair of the timbers. Dennis noted that they will have to get an engineered study done before they authorize repair.

6. **DAVID WINCHELL RE: WORK DONE:** David reported he excavated the water pipe where it was broken and delivered a load of gravel. The gravel was \$100 but he donated his time

and his equipment. Dennis noted there is no policy for hiring in an emergency situation and one may be needed. The cost of pump, tank and repair was about \$1,600.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: LIQUOR LINCENSE HEARING APRIL 15; School Budget Referendum April 13; Public Hearing for proposed zoning changes April 21, OWLS Spaghetti Dinner May 1, Play Performance by teachers May 1, April 15 Grant Writing Workshop for Private Roads

7. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:53 pm

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

9. OTHERS PRESENT: Andrew Cogliandro, Richard Ham, Irene Kerrigan, Jeremy Long, Paul Poyant, Jack Kelly, Ed Walsh, John Moore, David and Joyce Winchell, Mary Stanton, Bob Anderson, Karl Hodgdon, Chip Venell, Pat Stevens, Patti Dutil, Roger Roy, Bill Gannon, Carol Long, AL Peterson, David Winchell Jr, Yoli Gallagher, Tracey Scully, To,m Cashin, Lorraine Yeaton