

**TOWN OF ACTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
DECEMBER 30, 2008**

1. SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

2. APROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as written.

3. APROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved as written.

4. WARRANT: Approved and signed.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

(a) ASSESSING: Joe Lessard will be here for appointments on January 30.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) BERTON ROGERS ON GENERATOR: Berton was present to inquire what progress has been made. Mike reported that he has been in contact with the Fire Department regarding the generator and will be meeting with the chief tomorrow. They plan to install the diesel ones at the school and at the fire house and a propane unit at the Town Hall. Karl asked if it will go to bid and who will be the one to oversee the installation. Mike said when they have formulated their plans the EPA is the final authority on what has to be done and how it is done.

Dick complained that reports have not been received from all departments and wanted to know what the selectmen are doing about it. Lorraine said Nancy has asked her to send a reminder to those who have not submitted their reports.

Dennis said he thought the selectmen should send a letter to certain the Warrant and Finance Committee members to see if they want to remain on the committee since they have not been attending meetings. Mike said this committee is elected by the Town Meeting and not appointed by the selectmen.

Tony asked Chip to report on the county budget. Chip said the budget as written will be an increase of \$9000 for Acton, a 3.2% increase. If the Sheriff Department is cut as the news media have reported, this will bring our increase down by \$3000. Many persons are concerned that a reduction in the coverage by the Sheriff Department will leave the area towns vulnerable. The public budget meeting is January 9.

It was reported that Nancy was absent because she was attending a meeting at the school but Nancy wished to convey her wishes for a Happy New Year to all in attendance.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

8. MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Conway and Tony Cogliandro

9. OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Anderson, Chip Venell, Petey Smith, Karl Hodgdon, Patti Dutil, Dick Neal, Dennis Long, Berton Rogers, John Moore, Lorraine Yeaton