

**TOWN OF ACTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2009**

1. SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as written.

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

4. SIGNING WARRANTS: Approved and signed.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

(a) ASSESSING: Joe will be in the office tomorrow.

b) MICHAEL CONWAY: Mike announced he feels it is necessary for him to resign effective March 24 and asked that selectmen accept his resignation. On a motion by Tony, Mike's resignation was accepted.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) EXTEND APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM TREASURER: Cheri Smith was re-appointed Interim Treasurer until February 28, 2009.

(B) MICHAEL CONWAY: Michael made the following motions which were seconded and passed: **That the Board of Selectmen vote to shorten the availability of nomination papers from 40 days before the filing deadline to 21 days, pursuant to MRSA 30-A Section 2528 subsection 4-E: That the Board of Selectmen vote to shorten the filing deadline of nomination papers from 45 days before to 32 days, pursuant to MRSA 30-A, Section 2528, subsection 4-E.** This would mean nomination papers for the office of Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor – term to be March 25, 2009 to June 30, 2010 are available J January 29, 2009.. Deadline for returning nomination papers, February 20, 2009. Absentee ballots will be available February 24, 2009. Election March 24, 2009

(C) MEET WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS REGARDING BUDGETS: Because of the storm, the Road Commissioners will plan to attend next weeks meeting. Tony explained that because of the present poor economic situation, selectmen are asking that all department heads try not to expend all of their budget for this year and that they try to reduce their next years budget by 3%. Cheri Smith discussed a purchase order she has created that will become effective February 15 to try to prevent overspending this year. All items purchased of \$50 or more will need a form submitted..

(D) LARISSA CROCKETT: Larissa asked selectmen to consider a warrant article to amend the recall of elected officials to include grounds for recall. She read from the Harpswell, Maine ordinance which she feels is the best. She had also checked ordinances from Mt. Desert and Waterford.

Bert Rogers asked what the status of the generator was. Harold Smith said he has contacted Andy Brazier at the school and his own generator man, to get prices for testing the generators.

Nancy reported that she attended the recent AWWA workshop.

(E) EXECUTIVE SESSION AUTHORITY 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A): On a motion by Tony, selectmen went into executive session at 7:36 pm. They came out of executive session at 7:54pm.. On a motion by Mike, it was voted to remove Richard Neal from the position of E-911 Addressing Officer.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 8:55 PM

8. MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Ruma, Tony Cogliandro, Mike Conway

9. OTHERS PRESENT: Ken Paul, Chip Venell, Larissa Crockett, Harold Smith, Patti Dutil, Karl Hodgdon, Roger Roy, Cheri Smith, Steve Ledoux, David & Joyce Winchell, Wayne Ham, Petey Smith, Dennis Long, Bert Rogers, Holly Mooney, Mary Yeaton, Jennifer Roux , Lorraine Yeaton