

MOTION: "To accept the JJ Silvia Maintenance bid at the following rates for 2013 mowing

Town Hall Weekly	\$38.00
Newly seeded area when added:	\$30.00
Crawford's Field Bi-weekly	\$48.00
Memorial Park	\$15.00."

Motion: S. Morton

Seconded: M. Peabody

Discussion: M. Peabody questioned the \$30.00 for the newly seeded areas and asked for verification that it was not an hourly rate. R. Sabourn stated that it would be as needed for the newly seeded area and clarified that the rates are not hourly rates.

Motion Passes: 4 – Yes, 0 – No

HB 617 / Senator Woodburn letter

The Board reviewed the letter to Senator Woodburn regarding support of HB 617.

R. Sabourn stated that HB 617 proposes an increase to the gas tax of 4 cents for each of the next three years with revenues generated being set aside only for use on roads and bridges.

R. Sabourn read a portion of the letter which summarized the position of the Board members:

"The critical issue in HB 617 is the establishment of the New Hampshire state and municipal road and bridge account. Our support of this bill rests on the fact that all revenues raised as a result of HB 617 will be used for highway purposes and that a proportionate share of the additional revenue will be distributed to municipalities as required by existing law. We support HB 617 because all of the revenue it generates will be deposited into a dedicated fund to be used for highway and bridge purposes and none of the revenue will be diverted for other uses."

S. Morton stated the letter also serves as the beginning of establishing communication with Senator Woodburn.

MOTION: "To sign and send the letters in support of HB 617 to Senator Woodburn at his Concord office as well as his Dalton office."

Motion: S. Morton

Seconded: J. Paul-Hilliard

Discussion: R. Sabourn stated that Chairman B. Benton is not present at the meeting and thus his opinion is not represented in the vote.

Motion Passes: 4– Yes, 0 – No

2013 First Issue Property Tax Warrant

R. Sabourn stated that three Selectmen stopped in and signed the 2013 first issue property tax warrant, it has been delivered to the Tax Collector and bills are being printed.

MOTION: "To accept the Tax Collector's Warrant for 2013 first issue property tax levy in the amount of \$3,517,837.00 dated April 24, 2013."

Motion: S. Morton

Seconded: M. Peabody

Discussion:

M. Peabody stated that concerns regarding the tax bill going out early were expressed to her by property owners who wondered if the town was in a poor financial condition.

R. Sabourn stated that the Town is not in a poor financial condition.

M. Peabody stated that the due date on the bills is July 1 which is the same date traditionally used.

S. Morton stated it is important to note that the Town is in very good shape financially and has not taken out a Tax Anticipation Note for several years.

Motion Passes: 4 – Yes, 0 – No

ZCA 2013-09:

MOTION: "To approve ZCA 2013-09 for the construction of a 12 x 14 shed on Tax Map 13 Lot 2-10 property owned by Boris and Margarita Vulikh located on Woodwinds Drive."

Motion: S. Morton

Seconded: J. Paul-Hilliard

Discussion: None

Motion Passes: 4– Yes, 0 – No

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: "To approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of April 17, 2013 as amended."

Motion: M. Peabody

Seconded: S. Morton

Discussion: None

Motion Passes: 3– Yes, 0 – No

Abstained: J. Paul-Hilliard

Intent to Cut:

MOTION: "To approve the Intent to Cut filed for PID 11-1-66 for property owned by the Steele Revocable Trust."

Motion: S. Morton

Seconded: M. Peabody

Discussion: J. Paul-Hilliard asked who the abutters are for the property and asked if there is a requirement to notify abutters.

S. Morton stated The Woods at Millbrook, Adelaide Trust and the Steele properties are adjacent to the parcel and that there is no requirement to notify abutters.

Motion Passes: 4– Yes, 0 – No

Revised Abatement Request:

R. Sabourn explained that a mathematical error needed to be corrected.

MOTION: "To approve the revised abatement amount of \$652.19 for Tax Map 10 Lot 10-10."

Motion: J. Paul-Hilliard

Seconded: M. Peabody

Discussion: None

Motion Passes: 4– Yes, 0 – No

R. Sabourn stated each Board member received the Draft Engineering Study from HEB regarding the Covered Bridge project and should be prepared to comment at the May 15th meeting.

R. Sabourn stated each Board member received a packet which included the Hubbard Brook Scholarship applications for review and noted that Board members need to be prepared to comment at the May 15th meeting.

ACTION FOLDER:

Abatements:

MOTION: "To approve the abatements for tax year 2012 as recommended for the following parcels:

PID 8-14-1B	\$ 639.36	PID 11-1-211	\$ 300.28
PID 15-4-70	\$ 370.06	PID 8-14-1C	\$ 639.36
PID 8-14-1A	\$ 637.53	PID 17-14-4004	\$ 549.60
PID 17-14-19	\$ 131.90	PID 17-14-52	\$ 153.88
PID 17-17-19	\$ 119.08	PID 17-18-03	\$ 98.92
PID 6-11-8A	\$ 474.48	PID 15-5-1	\$ 252.81

and to deny the abatement requests for tax year 2012 on the following parcels:

PID 6-1-08LS03	PID 10-3-12	PID 6-11-5
PID 10-1-3-4	PID 16-7-5."	

Motion: S. Morton

Seconded: M. Peabody

Discussion: S. Morton added that the following abatements are still pending: PID 17-4-26, PID 15-3-2, PID 16-3-4 and PID 00Fair-1-00 (Northern New England Telephone Operations).

J. Paul-Hilliard noted he will vote in the affirmative but will not sign one because of a conflict of interest.

Motion Passes: 4 – Yes, 0 – No

SELECTMEN DISCUSSION ITEMS:

M. Peabody stated the Town Clerk brought it to her attention that to date nothing has been planned in recognition of the fact that this the 250th anniversary year of the incorporation of the Town of Thornton.

R. Sabourn stated that the building committee will be discussing concerns of the architects regarding the cost to complete the addition to the town offices during a meeting scheduled later in the day.

S. Morton and J. Paul-Hilliard stated they had no new items for discussion.

PUBLIC FORUM:

J. Demeritt stated his concern regarding the Selectman's letter of support for the gas tax increase proposed in HB 617 as the federal government is considering adding 20 cents to the gas tax.

J. Demeritt stated the building committee will be meeting with the architects later in the day to discuss their concerns regarding the cost of construction for the entire project.

VENDOR MANIFEST:

MOTION: "To sign the vendor manifest dated May 3, 2013 in the amount of \$304,231.46."

Motion: J. Paul-Hilliard

Seconded: M. Peabody

Discussion: None

Motion Passes: 3 – Yes, 0 – No

Abstained: R. Sabourn

PAYROLL MANIFEST:

MOTION: "To sign the payroll manifest dated May 3, 2013 in the amount of \$25,638.33."

Motion: S. Morton

Seconded: J. Paul-Hilliard

Discussion: None

Motion Passes: 3 – Yes, 0 – No

Abstained: M. Peabody

The following motion was made at 12:12pm:

MOTION: "To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II for reputation and hiring."

Motion: S. Morton

Seconded: M. Peabody

Roll Call Vote: R. Sabourn- Yes S. Morton-Yes
 M. Peabody-Yes J. Paul-Hilliard-Yes

Discussion: None

Motion Passes: 4 – Yes, 0 – No

At 1:01pm the Board returned from nonpublic session and the following motion was made:

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: S. Morton

Seconded: M. Peabody

Discussion: None

Motion Passes: 4 – Yes, 0 – No

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Decoteau