

**Board of Selectmen
December 29, 2014**

Present: Kenneth S. Paul, Chairperson (joined the session in progress); Richard C. Edwards; Connie M. Twombly; and Toni Bodah, Secretary.

Also present was Chief Ken Fifield. Mr. Edwards called the posted meeting to order at 4 p.m. **Mr. Edwards moved to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (b). Ms. Twombly seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ms. Twombly – ‘aye’; Mr. Edwards – ‘aye’. The motion passed 2-0, and the Board immediately entered Non Public Session.**

The Board returned to public session at 4:20 p.m., at which time Dick DesRoches of the Gafney Library joined the session.

Mr. DesRoches stated that the Gafney Library is seeking the Board’s support of a warrant article to appropriate \$30,000 (\$15,000 from the Town, \$15,000 from the Library) in order to enter contracts for an architectural rendering and a professional fundraising consultant. Mr. Paul would not support such an article as he believes the funds would be better spent on Town Hall issues. Mr. DesRoches stressed that a library is an important part of any town; and it is an asset, like the recreation department or fire department. He explained that the original funding to develop the building came from a private individual. Discussion followed as to whether the Gafney Library would continue to seek funds for this project from the Town of Wakefield, and the possibility of a change in ownership of the library. **Ms. Twombly moved to support a warrant article to raise \$30,000 (\$15,000 from the Town, \$15,000 from the Gafney Library) for the purposes discussed. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-1.** The Board confirmed that the Gafney Library will prepare a draft article to be discussed with the Town Administrator.

The Board reviewed quotes received for printing of the 2014 Annual Town Report. Bids received were as follows:

- Lilac Printing - \$2,840
- Alphagraphics - \$1,878.75
- Select Print - \$1,826
- Minuteman Press - \$1,792.88
- Country Press - \$1,460.03

The Town has utilized the services of Alphagraphics (d/b/a “C&K Printing”) for the last several years. **Mr. Edwards moved to award the bid for the 2014 Annual Town Report to Alphagraphics in the amount of \$1878.75. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 2-1.**

Property located on Sleepy Hollow Road--Tax Map 81, Lot 30—became eligible for Tax Collector’s Deed in 2014. However, due to inconsistencies in the chain of title, the Board voted to let the Court identify the true owner. Town Counsel indicates now that the heirs of the former owners of record are ready to pay all outstanding taxes and interest if the Town will issue a new deed. This can be accomplished via a warrant article or in accordance with RSA 41:14-a (which would require input from the planning board and conservation commission, as well as 2 public hearings). Town Counsel recommends submission of a warrant article, which he would prepare. Mr. Paul noted that the voters may be confused by the warrant article, but he agreed it appears to be the easiest method to follow. The Board agreed by consensus to have Town Counsel prepare the article for the warrant.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

Kenneth S. Paul, Chairperson

Richard C. Edwards

Connie M. Twombly