

SANBORNTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

June 26, 2013

Town Office

The Board of Selectmen convened in session Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Office. Selectmen in attendance were Guy Giunta, Karen Ober and Dave Nickerson. TA Veloski was also present.

1.0 Authorize Payroll & the Accounts Payable Register – The BOS reviewed payroll and the accounts payable register and signed all of the checks, a copy was made available for public inspection.

2.0 Pay Raises – The BOS approved the pay raises voted at the Town Meeting.

3.0 Complaint – The BOS reviewed a letter suggested by the Town's Attorney, Selectman Ober wanted some comments in the record (see attached). The BOS asked the comments be sent to the Attorney. The BOS asked the letter be rewritten.

4.0 New Dump Truck – The BOS reviewed the bids for the new truck, **motion to accept the bid from Yankee Truck for a Kenworth at \$91,690 by Selectman Ober, seconded by Selectman Nickerson.** 3 Aye 0 Nay.

5.0 Non-Public – **Motion by Selectman Nickerson to go into non session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) seconded by Selectman Ober.** 3 Aye 0 Nay. The Board went into non-public @ 8:32 a.m. The BOS came out of non-public at 9:28 a.m. The Board will follow up with the Town Attorney. **The Board voted to seal the minutes.**

6.0 ADJOURNMENT – **Motion to adjourn by Selectman Ober, seconded by Chairman Giunta.** 3 Aye 0 Nay. The Board of Selectman's meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

7.0 NEXT MEETING (S) – **Next regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. There will be a special meeting on July 3, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. to sign payroll checks and distribute them before the Holiday.**

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Veloski, Town Administrator

First of all I need to acknowledge that over the last 2 years I have been accused of
Being power hungry
Fighting with fellow selectmen
Being a Bitch

I ran on a platform of open and honest government, which has really been my only motivation.

Last week at the BoS meeting I was uncomfortable and uneasy, yet again, at another volatile attack during a DPW update. Not liking conflict myself, I kept my mouth shut and was hoping things would just smooth over. Not so.

I know we have a decision from our town council based solely on the letter of complaint from our DPW Director, Johnny VanTassel.

I have to say publicly I do not agree with his decision or his recommendation. He has not been sitting at this table for the last year and one half. Witnessing the repeated, disrespect and bullying nature and tone, of the personal criticism of the DPW department, personnel and director, by one selectman. As he states "the Board has a right to manage and oversee the PWD and address concerns as it determines appropriate". It seems to me that if in fact it was a reprimand from the Board than as a board we would have discussed any pertinent issues, come to a conclusion and spoken with the department head in an appropriate manner and offered a remedy. That has not happen, other than, replacing the liaison to calm things down a bit. Which was okay for a while.

It seems from last week's comments, this is a personal vendetta, for what I am not sure.

The only department head repeatedly treated in this aggressive, rude, disrespectful and demeaning manner is the DPW Director.

For these reasons I do not agree with the attorney's advice and suspect if he had more information his reading may have been different.

Where this will lead us I do not know. But, I do know I can no longer sit back and be witness to this behavior and not speak up. I have been silent too long in this situation.
