

June 18, 2012

5 p.m.

Michael Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Members: Michael Jackson, Jack Boyer, Rex Swain, Barbara Brown, Craig Schoon

Alternates: A. J. DuBois, Ted Bent

Selectmen: Mark Lyon, Tony Bedini, Richard Carey

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

Auditor: Rico Melaragno (via phone)

Minutes, tax collections and finances were reviewed through May 31, 2012. All seemed in line for this time of year. Building Permits income was higher than anticipated, while conveyance taxes are lower than anticipated.

Overpaid Taxes:

Treasurer Linda McGarr reported she has returned approximately \$39,000 in overpaid taxes from previous years. In accordance with State Statutes, letters had been sent to all taxpayers who had overpaid their taxes. \$1,675.18 currently remains in this account. Linda requested approval to return the remaining funds to the General fund as the few remaining taxpayers have not responded. The Board was in agreement with this request.

Uncashed Checks:

Treasurer McGarr also requested approval to return \$3,239.09 to the General Fund for checks written on behalf of the Town more than three years ago that had not been cashed by the payees. This request was also approved.

Legal Litigation Fund:

Linda McGarr questioned the necessity of continuing the Legal Litigation Fund. She felt it has become cumbersome to differentiate the various suits against the various commissions and litigants. The Board considered that the Legal Litigation Fund had been established several years ago to specifically differentiate expenses between the legal advice requested by a Commission during the regular course of an application as opposed to litigation brought against a Board or Commission with regard to a particular decision. It was felt that the Commissioners should feel comfortable in obtaining legal advice during the course of the application process in order to forestall litigation.

It was agreed to call an Emergency Meeting the following morning to discuss this proposal with the Town's auditor via phone. The meeting will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of furthering this discussion with the auditor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gollow, Finance Secretary

