

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 29 November 2011

Members present: Stephen Leighton, Chairman, Lynn Sweet and JoAnn Brown

The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM

In attendance: Chris Berry, Todd Haywood, and Don Kelsey

Minutes from November 15, 2011 meeting were read and approved as written.

Items of correspondence were reviewed and signed as necessary and payment of bills was authorized.

A representative from Congressman Frank Guinta's office will be at the Town office on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 9:30 A.M.

Chris Berry and the Selectmen continued their discussion about the possibility of the Town assuming responsibility for maintenance of a Class VI road. Though it was a general discussion, Ridge Farm Road was the focus of their discussion. While understanding the concerns that Chris brought forth, the Selectmen were resolute in their presentation that a road must be brought up Town specifications in order to begin the process for acceptance as a Town road.

The Selectmen and Todd Haywood discussed at length some problems that have arisen as a result of the 2011 revaluation. They told Todd that they have received numerous calls from taxpayers expressing concern about the increased assessment in land values throughout the Town, especially those with lake access. The concern of the Board was that overall land values appear to be inconsistent. Todd explained how he tiered out the land values with respect to acreage, waterfront, and lake access. He too has received numerous questions which he has addressed with site visits and adjustments where appropriate. The Selectmen recommended that he do more site visits with respect to land impacted by lake access and stressed that consistency is very important. Together the Selectmen and Todd discussed some ways to improve the process in the future. Several specific properties were questioned and reviewed.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07.