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**Townshend Select Board
Minutes
September 6, 2011**

Present:

Select Board: Hedy Harris; Jeff Russ; Ryan Hockertlotz; Steve Ovenden; Bruce Bills

In Attendance: Kim Ellison; David Dezendorf; Kurt Bostrom; Bob DeSiervo; Susanna Palmer; Susan Eastwood; John Eastwood; Sam Garfield; Barbara Garfield; Deputy Fellows; Craig Hunt

1. Call to Order: Harris called the Meeting to Order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: Hockertlotz made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of August 15, 2011**, seconded by Harris, and carried by those present.

3. Additions and Deletions: None at this time.

4. Warrants: Hockertlotz made a motion: **To approve the Warrants of August 15, 2011**, seconded by Harris, and carried by those present.

General Fund	\$ 291,597.38
(TES \$ 272,032.50)	
Highway Department	\$ 278,748.46
(Windham Hill \$ 232,763.00)	
Gravel Crushing \$ 32,255.00)	
Payroll	\$ 20,711.71
Sidewalks:	\$ 6,000.00

5. Reports: Town Clerk's Report: The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's cash-journal reports from the prior weeks.

Bookkeeper's / Treasurer's Report: Ellison reported that the first quarter tax payments were being received well, and that a plan for addressing VLCT's Loss Prevention findings at the Highway Garage needed to be drafted.

Highway Foreman's Report: Bostrom reported upon the actions of the Highway Department, contractors and volunteers following the storm of August 28, 2011. Special thanks were extended to Gould & Sons, Michael Charles, and Dale Clark for their efforts to get roads open after the flooding. Lengthy discussion followed.

Sam Garfield discussed with Bostrom the need to upgrade a culvert on Stephenson's Curve.

John Eastwood discussed with Bostrom the need for a culvert replacement on Acton Hill Road, following logging operations at McDougal's.

Townshend Fire Department Report: Russ reported that Brunelle had begun fire station repairs and expected to be finished within a few weeks.

Law Enforcement Report: Deputy Fellows briefly described how the Sheriff's Department responded during the recent storm.

Emergency Management Director's Report: Dezendorf and members of the Select Board held lengthy discussion about the storm and clean-up efforts, focusing especially upon preparation of the documentary reports needed in the coming weeks for the Agency of Natural Resources and FEMA.

6. Correspondence: The Board received a written report with recommendations from the Ancient Roads Committee, to be discussed at the next meeting

7. Old Business:

Waste Management: Hockertlotz reported that Joe Novick would be joining the Waste Management Study Committee.

Highway Garage Repairs: No report at this time.

Dog Control Ordinance: Harris made a motion: **To table Dog Control Ordinance discussions until further notice**, seconded by Hockertlotz, and carried by those present.

8. New Business: Nothing at this time.

9. Members of the Public:

Susanna Palmer spoke with the Board about how the Listers office was reviewing the mandate for re-appraisal.

10. Executive Session: Harris made a motion: **To enter Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:12 p.m.,** carried by those present.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:28 p.m., and, as a result, no action was taken.

11. Meeting Schedules:

Regular Select Board Meeting: September 19th at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment: Hockertlotz made a motion: **To adjourn at 8:30 p.m.,** carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt, assistant