

**TOWN OF ACTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2009**

1. SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

2. APROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as written.

3. APROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Since Nancy was not present at the last meeting approval will be deferred until next week.

4. WARRANT: Approved and signed.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

(a) ASSESSING: Joe will be here January 30. All requests for abatements have been processed.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERIM TREASURER TO SIGN CHECKS: On a motion by Tony, authorization was signed.

(B) PERMISSION REQUESTED TO OPEN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE AT 11 AM JANUARY 27: Since Jennifer has a family commitment that morning, permission was granted.

Tony noted that he has asked Lorraine to purchase new flags for outside.

Tony announce that the Town will no longer accept American Express credit cards.

Students at Maplestone School are looking for public service projects. When more information is available, a sign up sheet for those requesting services will be posted.

Pam inquired about selectmen's position relative to legal opinions about conflict of interest. Selectmen state they believe members should be advised to abstain from voting if there would be monetary gain for themselves.

Jennifer reported that as of 8 pm, automatic foreclosure has taken place on four properties for non payment of taxes. Letters will be sent to the previous owners, allowing them to repurchase the properties within the next 30 days.

Tony reported he met with Fire Chief Harold Smith and discussed the need for someone to be in charge at the gym facility.

Pam McAlinden expressed her concern that employees/elected officials of the town being involved in court cases gives the Town a poor reputation. Selectmen stated that they have no control over personal situations. They feel if a person is being harassed, they have the right to seek a protection order.

(C) EXECUTIVE SESSION PERSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A): On a motion by Tony, selectmen went into executive session at 8:10 pm. They came out at 8:35 pm. On a motion by Tony, it was voted to pay the Interim Treasurer \$17 per hour.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

8. Members Present: Nancy Ruma, Tony Cogliandro

9. Others Present: Karl Hodgdon, Pam McAlinden, Dennis Long, Patti Dutil, Deserrea Dutil, Berton Rogers, Cheri Smith, Lorraine Yeaton

