

**TOWN OF ACTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

March 4, 2010

SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved with the addition of EMA under new business.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST TWO MEETING:** Approved as written.
3. **WARRANT:** Approved and signed.
4. **OLD BUSINESS;**
 - a. **Cable Committee Report:** Carol Long reported that it has been requested to put Acton on the Channel Guide, however Metrocast says it cannot be done. Plans are underway for decorating the studio with paint and possibly a new curtain. Tony announced that after interviewing with Scott Dunham and Jennifer Roux, Carol has been hired as Studio Manager.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **OPEN FIRE TRUCK BIDS:** The following bids were received for the 1984 Chevrolet Pick up Fire Dept. truck:

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| CIA Salvage | \$ 300.00 |
| Richard Collins | 312.00 |
| David Morrill | 550.00 |
| John Morrissette | 555.55 |
| Richard Barnaby | 1,000.00 |
| Roger Vallee | 1,295.00 |
| Larry Jensen | 2,250.00 |

On a motion by Dennis, the bid was awarded to Larry Jensen.

2. ROAD COMMISSIONER ON STORM DAMAGE: David thanked the Fire Dept. for their cooperation and for communicating with the Road Commissioners. Orchard Road was the only road that became impassable. Scott reported that he had 15 trees down and minor washouts. He also noted that the Fire Dept had done a wonderful job. Ed Walsh thanked the Road Commissioners for their cooperation. He noted that the Fire Station was manned and alert until 4 am. Dennis apologized to the Townspeople for the mis-communication that occurred relative to shelter. Selectmen had asked that the school be open for the public from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday but it was only open from 2 to 4pm. Tom Gore said he had told Andy Brazier to post a note on the door for emergency service. Tom also noted that the Town has to have funding available in case of an emergency. Tony noted that they should have had the building open for a longer period of time. Larissa said another time, they should have a better line of chain of command. Ed said another time if the selectmen declare a state of emergency, the generator will be running and the shelter will be open.

3. FINANCIAL STATUS: Tony said that there is currently a cash flow problem and in trying to avoid having to borrow, the selectmen have asked that all departments only submit bills that are absolutely essential. There is \$203,082 in General Fund at this time.

4. GENERATOR: Burt Rogers asked about the status. Dennis said he had checked and the last part needed was received this week. Garland Marine adjusted the generator and

ran it for a 2 hour test. To do a longer test will cost \$1,100 and the diesel fuel would be another \$500. The 1957 portion of the school cannot be powered but there is heat and water to the whole building.

5. G.A. WORKFARE: Larissa would like to see the workfare program for General Assistance used whenever possible. She has checked with the Transfer Station and the school and they will both furnish work for recipients to do to pay for their assistance. Dean Knight noted how much our assistance had been reduced when we required workfare.

6. EMA: Tom announced that he would like to step down from his position as EMA Director. Ed Walsh has agreed to accept the position and Bill Cataneyse as Deputy.

Rey Lopez and Karl Hodgdon complained that Larissa had attended only one Warrant and Finance Committee meeting. Larissa said until this week, she was not aware that the Selectmen were non-voting members of the committee.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tony announced that nomination papers are available from the Town Clerk as of March 12. The Warrant and Finance Schedule has been changed to reflect the March 9 meeting will be at the school. Tony noted that the selectmen are encouraging the public to return their census questionnaires so that the population figures are more nearly correct. Federal funding to the states and towns is based on population. Carol Long announced Girl Scout Cookies will be on sale at the Transfer Station on March 13 and 27,

7. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 8:40

8. MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Cogliandro, Dennis Long, Larissa Crockett

9. OTHERS PRESENT: Scott & Holly Mooney, Karl Hodgdon, Rey & Delores Lopez, Tom Gore, Dean Knight, Paul Poyant, Charlie Tranchemontagne, Carol Long, Brian Cochrane, Andrew Cogliandro, Roger Roy, Davis Winchell Jr., Mary & Scott Stanton, Burt Rogers, Ethan Current, Steve Ledoux, Lorraine Yeaton