

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF ACTON
FEBRUARY 23, 2012
7:00 pm**

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved with the addition of Three Rivers Land Trust.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Approved as written.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **THREE RIVERS LAND TRUST:** Carl Davis said the Trust will be applying for Open Spaces exemption.

2. **RESIGNATION OF MARY WATERHOUSE:** Larissa read Mary's resignation from the Cable Committee. On a motion by Bill, her resignation was accepted with regret.

3. **DIS-BANDING THE CABLE COMMITTEE:** Since there are only two committee members left, it will be necessary to dis-band the Cable Committee and let the manager, Mike Corey take responsibility.

4. **TIMELINE FOR SCHOOL BUDGET APPROVED BY SCHOOL, SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING TO SIGN WARRANT 3/29/2012:** Paul Poyant expressed concern that the Warrant and Finance Committee will not have adequate time to review and act upon the school budget. Lorraine asked if the Warrant and Finance Committee was going to establish a time line for the Town budget. She needs to know if the committee is going to meet with those requesting donations, so she can notify them of the meeting date. There was discussion as to whether or not it is necessary to meet with them as long as we have the budget request. Paul feels it is beneficial to meet with those requesting funds to help the committee justify their recommendation. Possibly the Warrant and Finance Committee could come on Selectmen Meeting nights and have those requesting funding attend. The Selectmen will set up times during March and April for budget discussion.

5. **ABATEMENTS: Dennis and Gail Long, \$279.23; Dennis and Cathrin Long, \$279.23; Charles Wills, \$219.58; James Webb, \$140.35; Mountain View Shores Association, \$522.86.** On a motion by Bill, the abatements for the above named were granted. **Abatements denied, Michael Camelo and Norman and Donna Michaud.** On a motion by Bill the above mentioned abatements were denied.

6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 1 alternate members of Board of Assessment Review is needed. Larissa noted the next Tumble Time for Toddlers will be February 29 at 10am Lorraine spoke about the new "portable" tables that have been purchased for the Town Hall and the growing number of OWLS attending.. This program is very simple, two gatherings a month, one luncheon and one coffee and conversation, held at the Town Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays for senior citizens. There is no charge for the food but a donation basket is on the table.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 7:35pm

8. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Larissa Crockett and Bill Shields

9. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Carl Davis, Tom Cashin, Chip Venell, Paul Poyant, Dennis Long. Virginia Deboer, Sophia Crockett-Current and Lorraine Yeaton

