

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
SELECT BOARD**

**SPECIAL MEETING
January 27, 2011**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Howard Barton, Jr., Brett Sanderson, Bruce Schmidt, Doug Ficken

Staff Present:

Frank Heald

Call to Order:

- a. Chairman, Howard Barton Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Sign Warning for Town Meeting:

- a. Howard Barton asked if the Cemetery petition was within the Town Charter.
- b. Frank Heald said the statute provides two things: 1) the town can vest control of the Cemetery and Cemetery Commission. 2) voters of the town can take the operation from the Cemetery Commission and give it back to the Select Board.
- c. Frank Heald reported that three petitions have been brought forth. He said after reading the latest VLCT Newsletter and consulting with a VLCT attorney, he learned that we cannot add "by petition" on the Warning.
- d. Howard Barton said if we can't add "by petition," it looks as if the Select Board brought it forth.
- e. Frank Heald said it will be outlined in the Explanation of Articles that it was "by petition."
- f. Howard Barton asked if Article 19 (FOLA) in the amount of \$1,500 was by petition.
- g. Frank Heald said yes.
- h. Frank Heald said Article 18 (The Current) was not by petition and the town gave them money last year. He said the voters should be able to weigh in.
- i. Bruce Schmidt asked why we didn't put it into appropriations because it wasn't different from last year.
- j. Howard Barton said voters should ask questions from entities that are not from Ludlow. People should be able to weigh in. He added that in the last few years the request has increased.
- k. Frank Heald said it went from roughly \$2,200 to \$7,250 in order to make the Rutland/Bellows Falls connection.
- l. Howard Barton said if the Cemetery article passes it would take effect July 1st and go back to the town.
- m. Bruce Schmidt asked how the Select Board would explain this. He said they should have a draft budget available.
- n. Frank Heald said this would be an action by voters, not by the Select Board, so if necessary they would have from March to July to develop an operational plan.
- o. Frank Heald said he will put together a budget history for the past 8 years to review.

- p. Motion by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Brett Sanderson to accept and sign the Warning for the Annual Town Meeting. All in favor and the motion passed.

Adjourn:

- a. Motion by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Doug Ficken to adjourn. All in favor and the motion passed.
b. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Acting Clerk

Howard Barton Jr., Chairman

John Neal

Bruce Schmidt

Brett Sanderson

Douglas Ficken