

**BOARD OF WARDEN AND BURGESSES
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

The Special Meeting of Warden and Burgess held in the Griswold Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 was called to order by Warden John Connelly at 6:15pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Clerk Valerie Pudvah read the roll call. Present: Warden John Connelly, Burgesses Timothy Sharkey, Laurie Sorder and James Krueger. Absent: Burgess Laura Laidley and Bailiff Dominic Scavoni. A quorum was determined.

ALSO PRESENT:

Kenneth Sullivan Director of JCDPU, Drew Rankin CMEEC Executive Director, Louis Demicco III, Louis Demicco II, John Sullivan, Leona Sharkey, Jim Barnie, Ken Comfort, Richard Throwe, Ben Scepanski, Resident Trooper Russell Cote and Joe Grogan The Bulletin reporter.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR OF JCDPU AND REPRESENTATIVE FROM CMEEC REGARDING USE OF FUNDS.

Warden Connelly opened the meeting up for discussion.

JCDPU Director Ken Sullivan handed out a memorandum from their attorney Paul McCary of Murtha Cullina. It took several minutes for the board to read the hand out. After reading the hand out Burgess Sharkey stated that he was not knowledgeable enough to understand everything in the handout and that he thinks the borough attorney should go over it. Burgess Sharkey wanted to recess the meeting. Burgesses Sorder and Krueger agreed with Burgess Sharkey with regard to having the attorney review this memorandum.

Burgess Sorder questioned the payment made to board members up to \$600.00 per meeting. Mr. Rankin addressed the board regarding how things work within the government structure and their bylaws. Members have to attend 65% of meetings to qualify for compensation. According to Mr. Rankin ½ of salary goes back to the rate payers.

Burgess Sorder asked the total of how many were board members attending the trip and how many did not. According to page 4 last paragraph it **stated the it was a board development exercise to build stronger relationship among board members.** Mr. Rankin noted that he does not have any figures. Burgess Sharkey questioned who decides who goes on the trip, and why are family members allowed to go if this was to maximize participation among board members. D. Rankin went back through the history since 2013 and the success that they had that year and the following years. He noted that they are going to work very hard to overcome the adverse consequences of these trips. Burgess Sharkey also asked whose money it is if it isn't the rate payers? Mr. Rankin explained how the process works.

Burgess Sorder asked Mr. Rankin if these retreats precipitated the performance of the company. After further discussion Burgess Sharkey made motion to have the borough attorney review this memorandum from the JCDPU attorney, set up a meeting and to set up a performance evaluation, 2nd by Burgess Sorder. All in favor, aye. Motion carries.

Meeting duly adjourned at 7:05pm.

Valerie Pudvah, Clerk