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**WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET WORK-SESSION
December 26, 2006**

PRESENT: HELEEN KURK, CHAIRMAN; DONNA M. OSBORNE, SELECTMAN; TOM CLOW, SELECTMAN; CRAIG SLATTUM, SELECTMAN.

ABSENT: SELECTMAN JOSEPH FIALA.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Fred Ventresco

RECORDING SECRETARY: Fred Ventresco

GUESTS: Frank Campana, Evelyn M. Connor, Greg Begin, Matt Essenwein, Carl Knapp, Chris Hague.

6:00 p.m., Chairman Kurk called the meeting to order.

The Board Members discussed the budget, warrant articles for the upcoming Town Meeting Warrant, and the latest on the 2006 Budget.

One of the main topics of discussion was if all warrant articles presented and/or proposed to the Board should be included in the warrant, or if the Board should prioritize and include only the articles it felt were needed and appropriate given the many factors such as overall spending.

Selectperson Kurk said that she felt that there was a philosophical difference among the Board Members regarding this issue. She stated that she felt that it was one of the duties and obligations of the Board of Selectmen to prioritize and include only the articles they deemed appropriate for the year at hand.

In addition to rechecking the Operating Budget that they approved at the last meeting, the Board went over each separate and Special warrant article request, approving all the CIP proposals and other articles.

Frank Campana from the audience mentioned that in order to make a true prediction of what the tax rate will be that the Overlay and Veterans Tax credit must be taken into account. These items are usually addend on as needed when the tax rate is officially set in late fall during the DRA audit and are not typically considered during budget time.

11:25 P.M., Chairperson Kurk made a motion to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: II (e); the motion was seconded by Selectman Clow. All vote in favor.

11:40 P.M., Selectperson Osborne made a motion to come out of nonpublic session; the motion was seconded by Selectman Clow. All voted in favor.

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11:41 P.M., Selectperson Slattum made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Selectman Clow. All voted in favor.

A True Record.

Fred Ventresco, Recording Secretary