

TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2012 at 4:00 PM

On December 11, 2012, the Board of Selectmen held a meeting at 4:00 PM at the Town Office Building in Lakeville. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Maksy at 4:00 PM. Selectmen present were: Selectman Maksy, Selectman Belliveau and Selectman Powderly. Also present were: Rita Garbitt, Town Administrator and Tracie Craig, Executive Assistant. The event was being recorded by Lakeville Community Access Media.

Rita Garbitt, Town Administrator, spoke to the Selectmen regarding the proposed Middleborough Rotary project. MassDOT would like to do a presentation to the Lakeville Board of Selectmen on a Thursday night in January. It was decided to schedule the presentation for January 17, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Lakeville Senior Center.

Chairman Maksy asked Representative Orrall for any updates from Beacon Hill. Representative Orrall said that the Governor is talking about 9C cuts; however, they are still working on that issue. She said that the Governor would like to cut Local Aid, but that is not where we need to start cutting. She will advocate for no cuts locally. Chairman Maksy asked when we could expect the budget from the Governor. Representative Orrall said that legislative sessions resume in January. She does not see any revenue decisions in the next three (3) weeks being made. Representative Orrall said that FEMA will include Assawompset Pond, Nemasket River and Long Pond in their study so that we can better manage the water levels. Hopefully the study will be concluded by July of 2016.

Selectman Powderly updated the Board regarding the water levels for the pond. The goal for Long Pond is 52.5 feet; it is slightly above at this time due to the recent rain. The levels are being monitored by New Bedford and Taunton. Every quarter we get updates on the levels for groundwater, Long Pond, Assawompset Pond, and the Nemasket River at Vaughn Street. They are measuring all those points to reduce the risk of flooding. Selectman Powderly said that Representative Orrall has added to the grant to extend the study further up the Nemasket River up to Assawompset and Long Ponds. The next meeting will be in the first of March. If any unusual events take place, they will hold another meeting.

Attend S.A.F.E. Young Hero Award Presentation

Present for the discussion were Skye Cordeiro; Nancy Faria; Representative Keiko Orrall; Maria from Senator Rodrigues' Office; David DeMarco from the Department of Fire Services; Laurie Hunter, Assawompset School Principal; Frank Alvilhiera, Police Chief; Daniel Hopkins, Fire Chief, David Goodfellow, Deputy Fire Chief, and Lieutenant Tim Collins and Lieutenant Tom Dunlevy.

David DeMarco said the S.A.F.E. Award is quite an honor. She will be awarded a Certificate and tee shirt, which only 281 others have been able to wear. Since S.A.F.E. started in 1995, child deaths from fire have dropped by 70%. Teachers and firefighters are making a difference. Before S.A.F.E., 18 kids had died from house fires; since then it has dropped to five (5). So far in 2012, no children have been lost in fires.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Selectman Belliveau, seconded by Selectman Powderly, the Board:

VOTE: To adjourn the meeting at 4:18 PM.
 Unanimous in favor.