Chairman Ed Haskell opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:00 pm Ed Haskell made a motion to suspend the meeting for the purpose of the Public Hearing on the Proposed Addition to the Byron G. Merrill Library. This was seconded by Dan Kimble and all agreed. (See separate minutes for library public hearing.)

At 7:33 pm Ed Haskell made a motion to suspend the meeting for the purpose of the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2014 Budget and Warrant. This was seconded by Dan Kimble and all agreed. (See separate minutes for the budget hearing.)

At 9:12 p.m. Ed Haskell made a motion to reopen the Selectmen’s meeting, seconded by Dan Kimble, all agreed.

Selectmen’s Issues

1. Minutes of 02-03-14 were accepted as amended; the minutes of the public hearing on the Buffalo Road bridge grant were accepted as written; minutes of the 02-05-14 minutes were accepted as written.

Administrative

1. The hearing on the Petition to Amend the Pole & Conduit License is scheduled for next week, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. Anne provided the Board with the narrative and procedure for the hearing.

2. Department of Labor – change in pay day arrangements for the Fire Department and EMS. State law requires that employees be paid within eight (8) days of the end of their work week/period. Until now the fire fighters have been paid quarterly for any calls they make to Dorchester, Groton and Ellsworth and have been receiving an annual stipend in December for their time worked in town during the year. EMS members have been paid on a quarterly basis. To come into compliance with State law, the Town requested permission from the Department of Labor to pay the fire fighters and EMS responders on a monthly basis rather than a weekly basis.
The Town has received permission from the Department of Labor to do so. Going forward the pay period for these two departments will end on the last Wednesday of each month and wages will be paid by Wednesday of the next week. All pay information will need to be turned in to Janet at the Selectmen’s office by noon of the first Monday of each month.

3. Blasting Regulations – Town Attorney Bernie Waugh has returned the draft regulations to the Town with input. The Board will review the regulations at their meeting next week. Copies of the draft were given to each board member.

4. Anne will contact the board members when the final warrant and budget are ready for signatures.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Dow  
Administrative Assistant

Signed: Checks; Credit Application for Fire Department – Cummins;

Upcoming: 02/17 Selectmen’s Meeting; Public Hearing on Petition to Amend Pole & Conduit License  
02/24 No Selectmen’s meeting  
02/25 Planning Board meeting  
03/03 Selectmen’s Meeting – Residents’ Forum  
03/11 Town/School Elections – Russell School 8:00-7:00  
03/13 Town Meeting – Russell School 7:00 p.m.