

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Minutes of February 14, 2011**  
**5:30 p.m.**

<i>Selectmen:</i>	<i>(Absent with Notice)</i>	<i>Charles G. Palm, Chairman</i> <i>Colette Worsman, Acting Chairman</i> <i>Peter F. Brothers</i>
	<i>(Absent with Notice)</i>	<i>Miller C. Lovett</i> <i>Nathan J. Torr</i>
<i>Town Manager:</i>		<i>Phillip L. Warren</i>
<i>Recording Clerk:</i>		<i>Karin Landry</i>

Call to Order: Acting Chair Colette Worsman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She introduced the Board, Town Manager, and the Recording Clerk, and made announcements pertaining to fire exits, listening assisted devices, the use of microphones, and cell phones.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE COMMENT ON BALLOT ARTICLES:**

*Selectman Brothers moved to open a public meeting as required under the RSA's for the purpose of taking comment on Article 2 and Article 3 of the 2011 Warrant at 5:35 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Torr. 3-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

Acting Chair Worsman declared the public hearing open.

The Town Manager recited the Articles on the Agenda:

Article 2: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Meredith on the second Tuesday of March?

Article 3: Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?

At the Board meeting of February 7, resident Lou Kahn made a presentation on SB2, and Library Trustee Duncan McNish explained the necessity for Article 3. Pursuant to the RSA's, a hearing must be held at least 15 and not more than 30 days prior to Town Meeting to take public comment on the Articles.

Acting Chair Worsman invited the public to comment on Article 2, commonly known as the Senate Bill 2 type of Town Meeting. There were no speakers to Article 2.

Acting Chair Worsman invited the public to comment on Article 3, granting permission for the Library to receive all monies from income generating equipment or miscellaneous revenues such as service fees, to be used for general repairs, upgrading and purchase of books, supplies, and other income-generating equipment. There were no speakers to Article 3.

There were no comments from the Board on Article 2 or Article 3.

Acting Chair Worsman declared the public hearing closed. The Articles will be placed on the official Warrant for Town Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m., at Interlakes High School. Election Day is scheduled for March 8, and the School District Meeting is scheduled for March 12. The Belknap County public hearing will be held on March 7 at the County Complex in Laconia. The Delegation will vote on the Belknap County attorney at 6 p.m., and the budget meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Acting Chair Worsman encouraged residents to attend the meetings, as the Town, School District, and County budgets are significant components of the tax bill.

*Selectman Torr motioned to close the public hearing at 5:42 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Brothers. 3-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

**ADJOURNAMENT:**

*Selectman Brother motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Torr. 3-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Phillip L. Warren, Town Manager

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Colette Worsman, Acting Chairman

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Peter F. Brothers

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Nathan J. Torr