

A special meeting of the Town Council held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 for the Town at Town Council Chambers and was called to order at 6:45 PM. Council President Budway presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Town Clerk Long called the roll:

Councilman Collins-present	Councilman Salisbury - present
Councilwoman Knowlton-present	Councilman D'Agostino - present
Councilman Winfield - present	Council Vice-President Farrar - present
Council President Budway – present	

Town Treasurer Przybyla explained to the Council that he is requesting that they extend the contract for auditing firm Bacon and Company for one additional year. He said that in the original bid it allowed for a 2-year contract with a 1-year renewal. He said that last year the Town Council only awarded a one-year contract to Bacon and Company. He said that the Council did that because they thought that it might be time to have a new firm with a new set of eyes to do the audit. He said that the reason he is asking for the one-year renewal is because his Deputy Treasurer Sandra Young will be retiring this year, and he feels that we need the continuity. He said that with a new person learning the job, it would be very helpful to have the same auditing firm that already knows our system. He said that if we went out to bid for another firm it would probably delay our audit. He also explained that it is very hard to get qualified auditors to bid on a municipal job and since they bid the project in good faith, we should allow them an extra year.

Council President Budway asked when Sandra Young is planning on retiring.

Ted Przybyla said that he is encouraging her to retire before the summer so that she can enjoy her beach house. He said that this is the same time that the audit usually begins.

Councilman Salisbury said that he feels that under these extenuating circumstances, that the Council should extend the contract for one more year. He said that he was originally one of the Councilmen that really wanted to have this bid again, but under the circumstances we need the continuity.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to extend the auditing contract to Bacon and Company for one year.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to approve the minutes of the closed session of December 13, 2007.

Councilman Winfield abstained from this vote because he was not able to review the revised minutes.

During Council remarks, Council President Budway asked the Council if they received the letter from Hope Jackson Fire Department in regards to their roof project.

The Council said that they received a copy of the letter in their mail box.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 6:59 PM and to keep the minutes of the meetings previously closed to the public; closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 and to allow the Town Clerk 14 days to prepare the minutes of the meeting. For complete discussion, refer to audiotape.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk