

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2010
3:30 P.M. – NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM
MULVEY MUNICIPAL CENTER**

First Selectman Noel Bishop called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Noel Bishop, Jim Crawford, John Hall, III.

Also Present: Darlene Jones, Deb Lovelette.

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1. 2010 Budget Review.

Westbrook Visiting Nurses: The Selectmen reviewed the Nursing budget with no questions.

Treasurer: The Selectmen reviewed the Treasurer's budget and Debt Service. The newly created budget for Finance Director was also reviewed. Treasurer, Darlene Jones was surprised but the cuts made to her budget. She stated that the Treasurer has always had a full-time Deputy Treasurer. She added that the Board of Selectmen is within their jurisdiction of creating a Finance Director/Department, but taking the Deputy Treasurer away without an increase in hours for the Treasurer's Office is not acceptable and stated that the Board is taking away the job of the Treasurer. Ms. Jones added that according to State Statute, the Treasurer is responsible for all cash received, maintaining books and records and does more than sign checks. She questioned why the Board feels the Statute does not apply to the Town of Westbrook?

After further discussion First Selectman Bishop suggested another meeting be scheduled to clarify the duties of the Treasure and Finance Director.

First Selectman Bishop asked the Selectman to review the budget prior to the next meeting and to look for areas (not including personnel) where cuts could be made.

On a motion by Selectman Crawford, seconded by Selectman Hall, it was

VOTED unanimous to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Noel Bishop
First Selectman

Gerda Ziolkowski
Administrative Manager
