

**Minutes  
Town of Skowhegan  
Special Selectmen's Meeting  
5:30 P.M.  
Wednesday, March 30, 2016  
Council Room**

**Board of Selectmen:**

Donald Skillings, Chairman  
Paul York, Vice Chairman  
Betty Austin  
Darla Pickett  
Soren Siren

**Town Manager:**

Christine Almand

**Executive Secretary:**

Cara L. Mason

**Call Selectmen's Meeting to order.**

Donald Skillings called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

**Regular Agenda:**

1. Discussion and decision to approve the Settlement Agreement between S.D. Warren Company and the Town of Skowhegan and authorize Christine Almand to sign the agreement.

**A motion was made by Betty Austin and seconded by Darla Pickett to approve the Settlement Agreement between S.D. Warren Company and the Town of Skowhegan and authorize Christine Almand to sign the agreement.**

Christine Almand said that the Board of Assessors approved and signed the agreement last night.

Donald Skillings said that this agreement is not final until all parties have approved and signed.

**Vote: 5/0**

2. Discussion and decision to appoint Jimmy Carrier and Daniel Swain as members of the Budget & Finance Committee with terms expiring June 30, 2016.

**A motion was made by Betty Austin and seconded by Paul York to appoint Jimmy Carrier and Daniel Swain as members of the Budget & Finance Committee with terms expiring June 30, 2016.**

**Vote: 5/0**

3. Other Business

Denise LeBlanc said that there is currently one boiler at the Community Center and there should be two. The motor to this boiler is failing and needs to be replaced. Marc Tracey has given an estimate not to exceed \$5,000.00.

**A motion was made by Betty Austin and seconded by Paul York to expend an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 from the Recreation Reserve Account, Building Repairs designation to replace the boiler motor at the Community Center.**

Paul York said that this boiler is old and it is a mess.

**Vote: 5/0**

Paul York said that we cannot get by with just one boiler. This remaining boiler is in bad shape.

Denise LeBlanc said that we made it through the winter, because we had a mild winter. This boiler is running on low.

Randy Gray said that these boilers are run one as lead and one lag, and they alternate. If one isn't enough to keep the temperature up, then the lag boiler kicks in.

Paul York said that we keep putting Band-Aids on these boiler issues. We have spent \$16,000.00 in the last year in this boiler room.

**A motion was made by Paul York and seconded by Darla Pickett to allow Denise LeBlanc to go out to bid for two boilers and pay for this with funds from the Sale of Town-Owned Property account.**

Paul York said we are probably looking at a ballpark figure of about \$40,000.00.

Jimmy Carrier asked about how the boilers are hooked up. He said there are high efficiency propane boilers. The heat is quicker and this could save a lot of money.

Randy Gray said that #2 boilers have come a long way.

Jimmy Carrier said that propane prices are more stable than heating oil.

Christine Almand said that we could prepare bid specs that could go either way.

Donald Skillings said that the bid specs needed to be written in a way that makes it a fair and open process to everyone in and out of Skowhegan.

Doug Harlow said that the High School and the Middle School are operating wood pellet boilers.

Betty Austin said that the specs should not limit anything. We should look at all of the options.

**Vote: 5/0**

The Selectmen signed documents.

