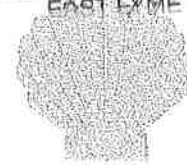


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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 20, 2014
Waterford Town Hall, 7:30 pm



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The regular agenda was resumed.

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- 5) The Treasurer's report was accepted, after correction of total Assets on the Balance Sheet that should have reflected \$62,136.74 a motion was made by Rich Miller, seconded by Paul Spakowski; motion passed unanimously.
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 - Chief Chmiel comment on the ice buildup in the Warden Boat and the problem of removing it.
 - He reported that Shane had taken the last water samples to Westbrook Troop F State Police Barracks to meet a DA/BA courier.
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- 5) Subcommittee Reports - None
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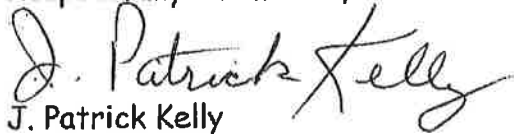
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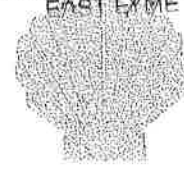
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