

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTON
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2011

1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Crout. The Invocation was given by Councilman Durham and the Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance. All councilmen were present except Councilman Looper.

Mayor Crout explained that the meeting was in honor of Mrs. Kathleen Owen Powell who was the Clerk and Treasurer when World War II broke out. A handgun was given to her at that time by Chief of Police Sylvester P. Crawford for her protection. Mrs. Powell came to present the gun in a case with a plaque (copy attached) back to the Town. Mrs. Powell presented the gun and plaque along with several very interesting stories from those days.

Councilman Durham made a motion seconded by Councilman Harvell to adjourn. All voted in favor. Adjournment was at 1:08 p.m.

This gun was given to Kathleen Owen, an employee of the town of Williamston, in December, 1941.

The Chief of Police, Sylvester P. Crawford, came to her office and placed the gun on her desk a few days after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

He said to her, "I want you to feel safe."

We did not know what World War II was going to be like for us on the home front.

This gift is given to Williamston with the hope that this piece of our town's history will help someone remember to care for someone else.