

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting 10 December 2013

Members present: R. Stephen Leighton, Jim Andersen

In attendance:

The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM.

Payroll and bills were reviewed and payment was approved. Correspondence was reviewed and discussed as necessary.

Minutes from the November 26 Board Meeting were read and approved as written.

There was lengthy, but general, discussion about 2014 Town budget, addressing routine expenditures and future needs. The Selectmen will recommend some work to be done at the Recycling Center, some of which may come out of its operating budget. The various departments presented their budgets, though the discussion was of an overall nature, rather than about specific budgets. Increase in health insurance and workman's compensation costs have impacted some of the departmental budgets.

In the consideration of the overall budget there was also discussion about the funding for the Crown Point Bridge, noting that some of the capital improvement money previously used for roads could be applied to that project.

Some necessary end of year purchases were presented and approved.

The Selectmen will continue budget discussions review the department budgets in greater detail at a December 17th meeting.

Steve is scheduled to meet with IC Reed on Monday concerning the light at the dump.

The Selectmen continued a previous discussion about salaries for elected officials and for other town employees and the logistics of hiring a bookkeeper. No decisions were made; discussion will continue at future meetings.

The Board discussed some upcoming changes in the Town maps. The Town will be using a new company, CAI. Liz presented an overview of the options available with CAI along with associated costs. The possibility of digitizing the maps was discussed; they are currently in PDF format. Questions about the timing and current necessity of the changes were asked as well as its overlap with our assessment data. Liz will research the mapping of other towns of similar size and complexion. No decisions were made.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.