

## Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

23 February 2011

Members present: Stephanie Gray, Chairman, R. Stephen Leighton and Lynn Sweet.

Robert Durfee of Dubois & King attended for a closure meeting on the Northwood/Bow Lake Bridge Project. Project was completed in December. The final costs associated with the project, along with 80% reimbursement from the State Bridge Aid Program were reviewed. There was a brief discussion pertaining to next bridge project, scheduling possibilities, funding application requirements, and this year's article requesting an appropriation to be added to the capital reserve fund for this purpose. Mr. Leighton will contact Mr. Durfee to view the First Crown Point location in March, after Town Meeting.

Paul Stover, Scott Whitehouse and Andy Carroll attended to update the Board on the Fire Department's progress with restructuring their standard operating procedures and policies. They presented the Board with the status of the Transition Action Plan as of February 21<sup>st</sup>, including an outline of the different components in the plan and percentage of completion for each component listed. The Board identified the components they would like to review prior to adoption of the plan, and the ones that would fall solely under the discretion and jurisdiction of the Fire Department. The operational structure is to be "para military", but it was stressed that concerns of individuals not addressed by leadership will be taken up by the Board. The Board suggested that the components be presented to them for review and comment as each one is completed, rather than to address the plan in its entirety when the draft of the plan is completed. The Selectmen noted that the names of three candidates for the position of Chief still need to be submitted for the Board's consideration, and welcomed the Fire Department's recommendation on the choice.

This year's article for lease purchase of an ambulance was discussed. Purchase will be put out to bid. There was discussion pertaining to the research and prices already completed by the Fire Department. They will provide a list of specifications for the bid packet to be available at the office and forward the information necessary for publication of the bid notice. Tentative time frame for notice is next week, with all bids due March 9<sup>th</sup>. This will provide more accurate information for Town Meeting. Intent is to amend article to reflect any necessary changes. During the discussion their intent to use existing ambulance as a trade in was noted.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to adopt amendments to the Town of Strafford, NH Welfare Guidelines revised April 21, 2009. The amendments presented and adopted to be effective this date, pertain to the responsibilities and rights of anyone receiving assistance and the required verifications.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the minutes from the February 9, 2011 Budget Hearing/Selectmen's Meeting.

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After reviewing their applications for re-appointment, a motion was made, seconded and voted to re-appoint Harmony Anderson and David Perkins to serve as members of the Conservation Commission.

After discussion, Board was in agreement that wage rate increases included in the proposed budget for 2011, pending approval, would be effective on the payroll beginning April 3, 2011.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.