

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

30 November 2010

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

At this point, the Selectmen moved to the Meeting Room for the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Loretta K. Buddlemann, the Town's oldest resident. A proclamation was read by Chairman Gray. Mrs. Buddlemann was given a standing ovation by many attending family, friends and residents. She shared her secrets to living a long life. Among the many things that she attributed her longevity to were optimism, a sense of humor, her mother who always had a smile, making the right choices, having great friends and neighbors, and good victuals. The presentation was followed by a reception.

The Selectmen adjourned from the reception and moved back to the Selectmen's Office to continue the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Scott Young, Greg Messenger, Rob Lobdell, Matt Lobdell, Scott Whitehouse, Paul Stover Andrew Carroll and Chris Dustin were among those attending.

Road Agent's provided proposed budget for 2011. The amounts requested for general operations and for capital improvements to roads, are the same as last year. The Board will include separate articles establishing a non-capital reserve fund for reflective road signage and for funding to be added to the capital reserve fund previously established for future bridge repairs/replacement. Board noted the need to add to the existing bridge fund in order to qualify to apply for funding through the State Bridge Aid Program for our next project.

After further discussion pertaining to the proposed budget, the Board made a decision to add \$5,000. to the Road Agent's budget to serve as a salary for administration, and the inspections/responsibilities associated with building and subdivision.

Paul Stover and Scott Whitehouse presented proposals for the Fire Department. Proposed increases were noted. Articles have been included for the final payment on the Forestry vehicle and for lease/purchase of a new ambulance with the first year's payment being offset by a withdrawal from the special revenue fund (ambulance billing revenues). Request was also received for additional funding to be added to the capital reserve fund for station maintenance. Board will review and discuss proposals.

Progress on restructuring was briefly discussed. They have new applications, job descriptions and are working on standard operating procedures.

Scott Young presented his proposed budget for operation of the Police Department. An article will be included to establish a capital reserve fund for the purchase of future police

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vehicles and associated equipment. There was discussion pertaining to establishing a non-capital reserve fund for unanticipated increases in the cost fuel/oil purchases for municipal use. Board will check into this.

Bills and checks for payment were reviewed.

After further review of the requests made, the Board was in agreement that a capital reserve fund should be established for future construction of a new Crown Point Station, rather than add to the fund for station maintenance at this time. The Board will discuss the Fire Department's proposed operating budget at a later date.

It was noted that all departments were advised that the wage line could be increased by up to 4%, however the balance of the budget should remain flat. The Board's intention is keep the tax impact flat.

After review, a motion was made, seconded and voted to accept the minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting of the Board.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.