

Minutes of Selectmen's Work Session

8 March 2011

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

The work session was called to order at 1:45 P.M.

Greg Messenger attended to discuss the road maintenance budget. The amount of funds already expended from the 2011 budget due to the winter storms to date, as well as the anticipated cost of expenditures for road maintenance to cover the balance of the year were reviewed. The Board was in agreement that additional funding was warranted.

Concern was also raised about the rising costs of heating oil and fuel. The Board was also in agreement that this article needed to be amended.

After discussion, the Board was in agreement that several amendments would be needed to address the above concerns without increasing the estimated tax impact.

Article 4 requesting funds to be added to the non-capital reserve fund for future bridge repairs, will be reduced by from \$60,000. to \$40,000., a reduction of \$20,000. After discussion with engineer from Dubois and King, this amount would still be sufficient to qualify to apply for bridge aid through the State for the next project. The \$20,000. would be moved to address other areas in the budget in need of additional funds.

A motion will be made to table Article 10 requesting \$20,000. to be placed in a capital reserve fund for a future Crown Point Fire Station. This \$20,000. would also be used to address other budget items in need of additional funds. The Board intends to revisit this capital reserve fund next year.

Article 15 requesting funds to be placed in a non-capital reserve fund to cover unanticipated costs associated with future fuel/oil purchase for Municipal use will be increased to \$10,000., an increase of \$5,000.

Article 17 pertaining to General Town Operations will be increased from \$1,111,458. to \$1,146,458. This is intended to increase the line for General Highway Expenses and Town Maintenance from \$346,500. to \$381,500., an increase of \$35,000.

Correspondence was read.

After discussion, Board was in agreement that an AED should be purchased for placement at the Town Hall.

A motion was made, seconded and voted to make the following appointments; Charles Moreno was re-appointed as a regular member of the Planning Board, Kerry Omand was

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appointed as a regular member of the Conservation Commission to complete the term and fill the opening left by the resignation of Dan Phelan, Charles Burnham was re-appointed as a regular member of the Board of Adjustment, Terry Hyland was appointed as an alternate member of the Planning Board and Stephanie Gray was appointed as an alternate member of the Planning Board.

There was discussion pertaining to the beach area near the dam. The State contacted the Town questioning information they received referring to a fundraiser to plant fruit trees in that area. The Board has no information regarding any fundraiser for this purpose. In addition, the Board is fully aware and understands the existing restrictions that prohibit planting any vegetation in that area.

The Board received a letter from the Strafford Fire and Rescue with their recommendations for Fire Chief.

At the last meeting of the Board, the term "para military" was used to define how the Board wanted the Fire and Rescue Department to operate. As was stressed at their February 23rd meeting, "the concerns of individuals not addressed by leadership will be taken up the Board". An open door policy applies to all departments.

The Board discussed future capital improvements and/or purchases. As agreed by the Board at their April 20, 2010 Selectmen's Meeting, and taking into consideration changes in revenues and the economy, all department heads should be reminded that these purchases should be made after the issuance of the first issue property tax bill.

Mrs. Kronshaw attended to question status of a discontinued road near her property. This is access to land in back. She was concerned about what might happen if abutting property is sold. A short discussion ensued. The Board suggested she discuss this with the owner of the neighboring property.

Due to conflicting schedules, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was moved to Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

The Board reviewed the power point presentation for Town Meeting.

The work session adjourned at 3:00 P.M.