

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 16th, 2010
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

Public Hearing – Budget & Warrant Articles

Joan Brooks opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. Russell Smith went through the Appropriations & Expenditures. Under General Government he noted that after negotiating with the Assessors Agent, the figure will stay the same as last year. Administrative Salaries and Expenses have been decreased by \$13,564.00, due to a full time position cut back to part time. Sue Shane questioned the insurance figure; Russell said it would need to be amended down at town meeting as the figure has gone into the town report already. Warrant Article #11 was fixed as requested at the previous public hearing, to have the word "financial" added to the long term commitment. The Highway account figures were discussed, Russell explained the work that was done for 2009 and what could be expected for the 2010 year. Russell spoke about the Moratorium Ordinance regarding windmills, stating that the need for the moratorium is so the Planning Board can simply finish the ordinance that they have been working on since July of 2009. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:32p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: The regular Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m., by J. Brooks

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen Present

MINUTES: Meeting of March 2nd, 2010 – A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve as printed.

B. Glass/C. Grover

Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Resident, Rusty Gagnon, spoke about the S.A.D. 63 Joint Budget & Finance Committee Meeting she had attended, she commented on the shortfall figures presented by the principal in a newsletter, and encouraged people to pay attention and attend the meeting on March 18th at Holbrook School.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis spoke about grass fires, how the department will be restricting permits as soon as the weather gets warmer and dryer. Ellis spoke of the live fire trainings the department has done. The Mutual Aid Agreements are being "tweaked" by a committee. Chief Ellis spoke about the Raffle the department is doing for a Kayak bundle pkg., tickets available from fire dept. personnel or at the Town Office.

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Police: Dep. Mason commented that crime is down, no reported burglaries, etc. Dep. Chief, Troy Morton, spoke about the part-time contract due to expire in late June, adding that the county will re-apply for another grant. Highway Safety Grants coming up, this will fund OUI, Seatbelt & Speed details in the town. Dep. Morton also informed the board that Eddington Elementary was the first school to have a Crisis Response Plan completed.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Karen Clark gave the board a brief overview of ways the School Board is looking to save money. Some ideas pointed out were; parents paying a portion of tuition if their child goes to John Bapst, a possible four day school week. More information to follow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Auditors Report – Informational only, no action needed.
Sign Letter to Rep. Ben Pratt & Sen. Rosen regarding School Budget. A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the letter. **C. Baker, Jr. / C. Grover, Jr. Vote 5-0.**

Next Selectmen’s Meeting – April 6th, 2010. Information only
Elections, March 29th, Town Meeting March 30th, 2010 – Informational only

WARRANT: Sign warrant for March 16th, 2010
C. Grover Jr. /B. Glass Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: A resident questioned the letter to Rep. Ben Pratt & Sen. Rosen, that was under New Business. Russell answered that it was requesting them to attend The Budget Meeting at Holbrook School.

A resident asked for clarification on what a JAG Grant was. Fire Chief, Jim Ellis, explained it for them.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.
C. Grover, Jr. / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 5-0.

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