

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 29th, 2009
6:00 P.M.
Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING – Americorp Grant.

Joan Brooks opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Fire Chief, Jim Ellis explained the Grant and what it meant for the Town. The Americorp grant provides a great opportunity for the department, by having a full time firefighter on board during the weekdays. Response time, having someone at the station is approx. 4-6 minutes vs. 20 minutes out of station. Chief Ellis spoke about how the days of the volunteer departments are going away and how beneficial it is to have someone available at the station during the day to cut response times significantly. Craig Russell, who has been a member of the department for over six years, has agreed to take this 40 hour week position. The town is required to match the grant in the amount of \$8500.00. Chief Ellis said the grant was "A great bang for the buck" because out of pocket expense for such a position could range between \$45, 000-\$50,000. This grant will fund the eleven month position, including health insurance, workers compensation insurance. It was asked if the money was taken out of the Fire Department reserve account, how the account is replenished. Russell Smith explained that the capitol improvement account is what replenishes such accounts and could be done so at a later date, adding that there was sufficient money in the existing account to cover this position. The Fire Chief has hope to eventually work towards a day position, and will reassess the issue down the road, deciding what and where to go next. The matching funds will be voted on at the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, October 6th, 2009. Hearing closed at 6:20 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:21p.m. By J. Brooks

ROLL CALL: Selectmen present were: Joan Brooks, Donn Goodwin, Charles Baker Jr. and Brian Glass. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the absence of Charles Grover Jr., as excused. **B. Glass/C. Baker Vote 4-0.**

MINUTES: Meeting's of September 1st, 8th and 23rd, 2009. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as written. **D. Goodwin /B. Glass Vote 4-0.**

PUBLIC ACCESS: No questions asked at this time.

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Sign Resolution on Excise Tax – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign resolution.
C. Baker/B. Glass **Vote 4-0.**

Sign Resolution on TABOR II – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign resolution.
C. Baker/B. Glass **Vote 4-0.**

Special Town Meeting – Oct. 6th, 6:00 p.m. - To vote on The Fire Dept. Americorp Grant Money.

HHW Day – Saturday, October 3rd, 2009. 9am-2pm. Russell reported that The town has been sending people with T.V.'s only to the facility in Brewer, as it is much cheaper for the town.

WARRANT: Sign warrant for September 15th, 2009. A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the warrant.
C. Baker/B. Glass **Vote 4-0.**

PUBLIC ACCESS: Karen Clark commented that the H1N1 Virus Flu Shot was free for S.A.D. #63 students with a permission slip.
Karen also asked for any information available on the Excise/TABOR II issue, so she could include it in the newsletter.
Rusty Gagnon asked if there would be absentee ballots for the Special Town Meeting. Russell answered no, there is not.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.
C. Baker/B. Glass **Vote 4-0.**

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