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*Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, January 24, 2011*

Selectmen Linda Saari, Clarence Farwell, Kevin Gorgoglione, Tad Putney and Jack Flanagan were present.

Non Public Session – 6 pm

Linda moved, seconded by Clarence to go into non public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, (a). Voted yes 5-0.

On returning to public session, *Linda moved, seconded by Tad to seal the minutes. Voted yes 5-0.*

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Tad moved, seconded by Jack to approve the minutes of January 17th. Voted yes 5-0.

Cable Agreement

The Selectmen received a proposed Renewal Cable Television Franchise Contract from the Cable Committee to review. The Selectmen will decide at next meeting whether to send the contract to town counsel. Highlights of the Contract are:

1. A 10 year agreement;
2. Add service to No. Mason Road and Ben Farnsworth Road;
3. Install drops for broadcast capabilities at Fire Station and Safety Complex;
4. Maintain 3% franchise fee;
5. Provide for one time grant of \$5,000 for equipment purchase.

2011 Budget Hearing

Finance Committee members **Betty Hall, Pat Lynch and Chris Adams** were present. **Betty** said the finance committee has a target of a 4.5% reduction in the proposed budget or \$177,000. **Clarence** asked why they came up with 4.5%. **Betty** said they looked at the economy and felt it was a reasonable target. **Jack** noted that the selectmen are very pleased with the job Chief Quigley is doing in the police department. Everyone in the room applauded. **Linda** announced that Celia Lingley resigned as administrative assistant in the police department and understands she has another job.

Police Dept. – **Chief Bill Quigley** presented a proposed budget of **\$671,773**, a decrease of \$4,966 from last year. **Bill** said he wants to remove the warrant article for the administrative assistant. Donna will move into Celia's position. He said Rick Nicosia will work an 8 hour shift doing clerical work. When asked by the finance committee if there's somewhere to cut his budget, **Bill** said no, there isn't.

Pest Control – **Bill Quigley** presented a proposed budget of **\$5,697**, an increase of \$225 over last year.

Election & Registration – **Russ Heinselman** presented a proposed budget of **\$3,540**, a decrease of \$1,005 as there is only one election this year.

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Health Agencies – Ann Webb presented a proposed budget of **\$20,995**, an increase of \$3,510 over last year.

Public Welfare – Ann Webb presented a proposed budget of \$29,000 but agreed to reduce it to **\$27,000** if the Health Agency budget was left alone.

Financial Administration – Patti Howard-Barnett presented the line items relating to the town clerk/tax collector's office. The total proposed budget is **\$124,625**, an increase of \$1,025 over last year.

Library – Betsy Solon and John Lindgren presented a proposed budget of **\$206,971**, an increase of \$9,689 mainly due to an increase of 12 additional staff hours weekly.

Recreation Commission – Rich Vertullo presented a proposed budget of **\$24,480**, a decrease of \$750 from last year. Rich said to remove the warrant article for paving at the ball field. He questioned starting a capital reserve fund in the amount of \$5,000 for future expansion of the ball field. Rich was reminded there is about \$5,300 in off-site improvement money for capital expenditures for recreational use.

Revaluation of Property – Peter Cook presented a proposed budget of **\$28,706**, a decrease of \$550 from last year.

Sanitation – The proposed budget is **\$243,855**, a decrease of \$63,994 from last year. The finance committee said since there's a decrease of \$66,600 in the Souhegan Regional Landfill District line item, the budget should be reduced by that amount.

Regional Association – The proposed budget is **\$3,930**, an increase of \$185.

Insurance – The proposed budget is **\$79,080**, an increase of \$11,805 due to increases in worker's comp and property and liability insurance.

Communications – The proposed budget is **\$109,280**, an increase of \$3,080 due to the annual increase in dispatching services.

Legal – The proposed budget is **\$20,000**, an increase of \$10,000.

Patriotic Purposes – The proposed budget is **\$5,650**, same as last year. Pat said the fireworks should be paid for by donations, not taxes. Chris agreed. He said we need to look at needs vs. wants.

Cemeteries – The proposed budget is **\$16,000**, same as last year.

Public Hearing was recessed to Wednesday, January 26th at 7 pm.

Gen. Business

Approved warrants for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Linda A Saari

Clarence L. Farwell

Kevin J. Gorgoglione

Tad Putney

Jack B. Flanagan