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Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Monday, October 31, 2011

Selectmen Tad Putney, Clarence Farwell, Jack Flanagan, Darrell Philpot and Karl Dowling were present. Also present were Ann Somers and Loring Webster.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 4 pm.

Tad thanked Wes and all emergency departments and volunteers during the snowstorm and power outages in town.

2012 Proposed Budgets

Finance Committee members Betty Hall, Rick Pocklington and Chris Adams were present.

Ambulance – Wes Whittier presented a proposed budget of **\$172,825** plus a warrant article for donations received through December.

Emergency Management - Wes presented a proposed budget of **\$18,446**. Wes said he expects we will be reimbursed through FEMA for costs associated with the snow storm if declared a state emergency. He said there is no school tomorrow and the transfer station will be open until dark as they don't have power. He said PSNH is working to get power to the town hall, fire station and safety complex.

Charlie Corey said power has been restored to a portion of Route 13. He said three meals a day are being served at the fire station. Charlie said the firefighters have a concern as to whether their vehicles are covered under the town's insurance should something happen while they are out clearing the roads of limbs and brush. **Rena** will check with the town's insurance.

Jerry Farwell said many roads need attention clearing limbs. He said the cordwood is being left but they are chipping the brush.

Tad went over the building deficiencies listed by the Joint Loss Management Committee:

1. The 2 doors at the lower level of the Town Hall do not work properly. The Selectmen will check the doors tomorrow;
2. The overhead doors at the Safety Complex continue to leak. Clarence estimates \$1,000 to fix the problem;
3. Upstairs doors to the meeting room at the Library are dragging on the carpet. They need to be planed down;
4. Railings need to be installed near compactors.

Library – Trustees Ed Cook, John Lindgren, Louise Price, Helen Ballou and Library Director **Myra Emmons** were present. The proposed budget is **\$209,754**. They provided over 200 programs attended by over 2000 participants. The budget is going up due to a new system that will allow on line access to books and the library.

Legal – Clarence suggested \$40,000 and **Darrell** suggested \$60,000. It was agreed that Tad will contact Attorney Drescher for his opinion.

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Cable & Personnel Administration will be reviewed next week.

Eagle Scout Connor Sandin

Scout Leader **Clyde Ferrell** was present with Connor Sandin, the newest Eagle Scout. Connor rebuilt the 2 signs outside the town hall and built the bulletin board on the portico. Connor said the 2 signs were more difficult as he tried to duplicate the existing signs. He thanked Clarence for his help. The Selectmen thanked Connor for a job well done.

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Darrell moved, seconded by Jack to approve the public minutes of October 24th. Voted yes 5-0.

Clarence moved, seconded by Jack to approve the 3 sets of non public session minutes of October 24th. Voted yes 5-0.

Warrant

The Selectmen approved Warrant #59 in the amount of **\$252,407.01**.

Right to Know Request

The Selectmen reviewed the letter Tad drafted to Hattie Bernstein regarding her request about public and non public sessions. The Selectmen authorized Tad to sign the letter.

Tax Rate

The Selectmen reviewed the tentative tax rate. **Jack** questioned the amount of unreserved fund balance. **Tad, Jack and Rena** will talk to Shelley at the DRA tomorrow for clarification and then set the tax rate.

Ambulance – Trust Funds

At Wes Whittier's request ***Clarence moved, seconded by Karl to approve the withdrawal from the Trust Funds for the following: 2 Nonin Onyx II Finger Pulse Oximeter for a total of \$698; 3 boxes of EX-10 IV Needles for a total of \$1,615; and Pedimate Immobilizers, MegaMover Plus Carriers and Spider Strap Systems for a total of \$890.60. Voted yes 5-0.***

Pierce Pond Dam

Jack moved, seconded by Clarence to authorize Tad to sign a form for the state accepting the town's ownership of Pierce Pond Dam. Voted yes 5-0.

Gen. Business

Approved warrants for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

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