

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

February 13, 2013

MEMORIAL BUILDING

4:00 PM

Selectmen present: John Chiarella, Don Hill, Leigh Callaway

Also in attendance: Gene Hayes

The meeting was convened by Chairman John Chiarella at 4:02 PM. John explained that the scope of the meeting was confined to the final 2013 Warrant in light of the Budget Committee's deliberations the night before (Tuesday February 12, 2013). This was an emergency meeting due to time constraints in preparing the Warrant and clearing it through the Department of Revenue Administration before the Budget Committee's hearing on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. That date is the last opportunity before presenting the Warrant to the voters.

A summary of the Selectboard's deliberations follows. The descriptions of the Warrant Articles included in this document are abbreviated and included for only for context. They should not be used as the basis for voting decision. Only the final versions of the Warrant Articles should be used for that purpose.

Article 2: To purchase a multi-use vehicle for the Fire Department. The Board was given two funding options:

1. three-year financing of up to \$99,000 for the principal and \$8,605 for the first year's payment, or
2. funding of the entire purchase amount from the unreserved fund balance.

The Selectboard voted to recommend purchase approval using the former funding option (three-year financing).

Article 3: To enter a three year agreement for \$35,940 to lease and equip a cruiser for the Police Department, and to appropriate \$12,686 for the first year's payment. The lease agreement contains an escape clause.

The Selectboard voted to recommend approval.

Article 4: To raise and appropriate up to \$30,000 to support the Planning Board's effort to assess the Town's wetland regulations. The appropriation would be contingent upon receiving a grant of \$30,000 from the New Hampshire Housing Finance Agency's Community Planning Grant Program and therefore no amount would be raised by taxation.

The Selectboard voted to recommend approval.

Article 5: To raise and appropriate up to \$70,000 from the unreserved fund balance to install a new roof on the Highway/Safety complex building.

The Selectboard noted that this article received no support from the Budget Committee, this latter preferring instead to conduct an engineering study of the entire building. In view of this, the Selectboard voted to delete this Article from the Warrant. Gene was recognized to speak and he said that he had had a conversation with the Chairman of the Budget Committee. He said that the Chairman was surprised that the Selectboard might delete this article.

Article 6 (renumbered to Article 5): To raise and appropriate from the unreserved fund balance up to \$19,000 for preservation of the Town Hall's steeple.

The Selectboard voted to recommend approval.

Article 7 (renumbered to Article 6): To raise and appropriate \$4,000 from the unreserved fund balance for deposit in the Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund.

The Selectboard voted to recommend approval.

Article 8 (renumbered to Article 7): To raise and appropriate \$1,235,045 for general municipal operations. This amount is an increase from previous versions by \$2,000, added to line 4130-156 (Engineering/Consulting) to support the engineering study of the highway/safety complex. The amount requested in that line now stands at \$11,500.

The Selectboard voted to recommend approval as amended.

The Selectboard noted that the unreserved fund balance is adequate to support approval of Articles 5 and 6 (as renumbered). Further, if those articles are approved, the unreserved fund balance will be adequate to mitigate future risks, ensure stable tax rates and to possibly fund future years' capital improvements.

No other business was discussed and no other decisions were made. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Callaway