

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**JANUARY 28, 2013**

## **MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**7:00 P.M.**

*The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.*

Selectmen present: John Chiarella, Chairman; Don Hill, and Leigh Callaway.

Others present: Bryan O'Day, Tom Duling, Bill Huntoon, John Trachy and Justin Hastings.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review of proposed operating budget worksheet. John reported the transfer station has come in with a number of \$101,433 up from \$94,332 largely due to decreased revenue. Changes in the health insurance coverage resulted in a decrease, but the savings was taken up by requirements for NH Retirement. Custodian wage appropriation of \$10,000 is down from \$14,000. Current custodial services are being done on a temporary basis. Selectmen need to hire a custodian or contract service for cleaning town office/library, town hall and fire station meeting room and bathrooms. Ideally a contract will include providing equipment, keeping the buildings clean and supplied with paper products. Selectmen discussed contracting for mowing lawns and trimming around the town buildings and ball field. A scope of work will need to be put together and a decision made as to what will be sent to bid.

Financing options for lease versus a loan for a new police cruiser reviewed. Leigh shared his breakdown of the costs between the two options. Motion (John); second (Leigh) to go with Tim Julian's recommendation to enter into a three-year lease for the cruiser. Motion unanimously approved.

Fire and Rescue: John questioned if the Selectmen support a rescue truck. The loan for Engine 3 will be paid off in November. There is about a 5 year hiatus until the tanker would be replaced. The proposed truck is laid out to be both a rescue and forestry vehicle. The fire department has gotten an estimate of \$130,000. John noted looking at the fire department's operating budget and adding debt service, the cost to maintain the functions of the fire department is around \$100,000 to \$115,000. The question comes down to providing care to residents and having another piece of equipment to maintain. Don stated these are volunteers responding to emergencies and they should have equipment available to them. John noted the members have spent a lot of time working on vehicles, and we are lucky to have volunteers who are willing to work on equipment. The water supply at the fire station is also an issue and is causing corrosiveness in pipes and fittings on the trucks. This needs to be considered in truck maintenance costs. John stated he didn't feel he can support this truck at this point. Don stated he doesn't feel he has enough information to support a decision or not. Leigh recommended asking the fire department to come up with numbers for something less or for a used vehicle. John recommended tabling the discussion to give the fire department a chance to present to the budget committee tomorrow night.

John reported Pete Abair is not able to be at the meeting due to the snowstorm. There is a leak in the blue truck which may be head gaskets. Pete is waiting to get a quote from Yankee as to cost of repair. The repair line for the blue truck should be adjusted. Motion (Don); second (John) to decrease highway wages by \$5,000 (4312-130) to \$102,000 and move to blue truck line (4312-152). This will keep the highway budget flat. They hope to have information soon as to what to expect for that truck. Motion passed unanimously.

Leigh suggested looking into point of service recycling. With the town now paying over \$100,000 for trash removal, this might be a less costly option for the town. Ideas such as setting up a dumpster in town and having trash trucked to a single stream facility were discussed. Concern was noted that having to have a truck and someone to man hours for the dumpster would be costly.

The Board reviewed the draft of the 2012 revenue and estimated revenue numbers for 2013 were proposed.

Leigh discussed the intention to apply to the NH Moose Plate program for grant funding to help offset costs for work to be done on the Town Hall in 2014. Motion (John); second (Leigh) to approve application for \$10,000 from the NH Moose Plate Program. Motion unanimously passed. Leigh is working with Gene Hayes to put together a competitive grant application. He is asking for letters of support from the community to endorse continued preservation. The deadline for letters is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Board and Department updates: Don Hill noted the incident at the town hall from December. A press release from Chief Julian was read in to the minutes. (See attached).

Proposed projects for budget consideration:

John stated that based on the information from Ross Stevens, the easiest and most cost effective way to replace the sand shed is in its current location. The size of the building has been reduced from what was presented a couple of years ago. He suggested taking the concept of Wilmot's sand shed and Pete's plan to Ross for a building design and review of site engineering for that location. Anticipated costs were discussed. Wilmot's shed cost \$35,000, not including site prep. Motion made by John Chiarella to appropriation up to \$45,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to replace the sand shed; seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Leigh noted a report was received from Ross Stevens indicating a Sarnafil roof on the highway garage is appropriate. John moved to include in warrant articles a Sarnafil roof on the highway complex, with funding from the Unreserved Fund Balance, and a preliminary number up to \$65,000, seconded by Don and unanimously approved. Selectmen will work on getting bids from roofing contractors.

Leigh reported the steeple project for 2013 is for preservation and stabilization of the steeple, and repair and paint windowsills. Motion made by Leigh to appropriate up to \$19,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance; seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Leigh moved to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2013 as written, seconded by Leigh and unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

Letter of resignation from Dan MacCreighton as Deputy Health Officer.

Letter from PSNH – 2012 taxes being paid under protest.

John reported PSNH does not agree with their assessment and has filed an appeal with the BTLA.

Signatures:

Building permit – Wheeler - Main Street – to replace an existing shed.

Intent to Cut:

Pariseau – George Hill Road

Patten, D & M – Town Farm Road

Thorne – Deer Hill Road

Selectmen gave approval for Pierre Bedard to begin the permitting process for beach sand replacement.

The bank closing for Dopazo is set for Friday.

Leigh reported Fast Roads will begin installation of equipment on Wednesday.

Ossipee Mountain is set to do base radio installation on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted by,

Janet Roberts

## **Arrests made in Springfield Town Hall break-in, vandalism.**

At the end of the month of December it was discovered someone had illegally gained entry into the Springfield Town Hall located on Four Corners Road and ~~someone~~ had discharged chemical fire extinguishers.

Investigation revealed one Springfield resident and one former Springfield resident had gone inside and had a "fire extinguisher fight".

Jody Barry, 18, of Claremont, NH, and Phillip Tatro, 18, of Springfield, NH will be made to answer for their parts in the commission of this crime.

Additional charges may be forthcoming.

A professional cleaning service has been contacted and the cost of cleaning the Town Hall may reach into the thousands of dollars.