

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

FEBRUARY 8, 2010

MEMORIAL BUILDING

7:00 P.M.

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

Present: Selectmen John Chiarella, Don Hill and Administrative Assistant Janet Roberts.
Absent: Dave Tucker, (recovering from surgery).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Recreation Field: John reported Laura Patten reminded him of the problems with the electrical service at the Recreation Field. During Old Home Day the circuits kept blowing due to the electrical requirements of the booths and vendors. John reported that he knows someone who does electrical setups for other events similar to this and will look into this.

John stated that he would like to have the drainage and parking issues taken care of at the recreation field in the spring. There is money available in the recreation field fund to address some of these concerns.

Historical Museum: The Board agreed the roof at the historical museum needs to be replaced when weather permits. The stone retaining wall at the museum needs to be looked at for repair.

Board and Department Updates:

The Selectmen reviewed the report regarding the damage to the Crown Victoria bumper.

John reported the Zoning Board did not have a meeting this month. The Planning Board has continued their meetings regarding the proposal by Star Lake Farm. There was no report available for the Conservation Commission.

A workmen's compensation claim was reviewed. Wage details will be worked out between the employee, the workmen's compensation carrier, and the town. A release for return to work will be needed. The claim will continue to be reviewed by the workmen's comp carrier.

Warrant Article Review:

Article 10

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$195,000 for site work and drainage improvements at the Highway & Fire building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$195,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,900 for the first year's interest and payment on the bond or note. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the work is completed or by December 31, 2015.

Reviewed and discussed. The Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend Article 10.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Old Home Day Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a and to raise and appropriate \$1,900 to be placed in said fund, with said funds to come from unreserved fund balance (this represents Old Home Day proceeds collected in 2009), and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

The Selectmen discussed the recommendation from the Department of Revenue regarding this account. The Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend Article 11.

Article 13

To see if the town will vote to establish, pursuant to RSA 72, exemptions from property taxation for solar (72:62) and wind (72:66) energy generation systems. The exemption will be 100% of the value of accessory use generation systems up to a maximum of \$50,000 in taxable value. Criteria for granting the exemption shall be that the installed system must generate energy for the owner's primary residence or place of business located on the site. The system, however, may transfer surplus energy to the established electrical grid. Commercial solar and wind generating facilities that represent the primary use of a property shall not be eligible for this exemption.

John and Dave voted to recommend this Article 13, Don abstained.

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to amend the revolving fund created in 2006 and amended in 2009, pursuant to 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special details. All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend Article 14.

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 (One Dollar) to be placed in the Town Building Repairs Capital Reserve Fund established in 1995.

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 (One Dollar) to be placed in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established in 1995.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend Articles 15 and 16.

Correspondence:

Vendor charges, officer wages and retirement contributions for special duty wages were discussed. The Selectmen agreed the charge to vendor's most likely needs to be increased. Don noted that he is not in favor of special duty wages being greater than 1.5 times the officer's normal rate of pay. This will be looked into as well.

Equalization Rate: The Selectmen reviewed the equalization rate, 106.5%, for 2009 from the Department of Revenue.

Signatures:

Building rental agreement approved and signed.

Intent to Cut Timber approved and signed.

Conservation Commission appointments for Jane Seekamp, Cynthia Bruss, and Robert Ruel were approved.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Roberts,
Administrative Assistant