



Selectmen's Meeting
Town Office
Wednesday, December 4, 2013
6:00 P.M.

Present: Selectmen Sam Seppala, Roberta Oeser, Dan Aho and Executive Secretary Nicole Sesia
Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Sam complimented the new paint job.

Sam welcomed Jane Pitt as our interim town administrator.

Larry Cleveland heard there will not be another survey sent out. Roberta explained there wouldn't be enough time to get the survey out and back before December 17th. Larry requests that a bipartisan committee be created to design the survey. It was a lot of work to get the survey out and very costly. Every Door Direct Mailing is about 18 cents a mail box.

Kelen Geiger asked about Southwest Regional Planning Commission. The Planning Board voted to pay the fee to be a member in November, Ms. Geiger would like to know why the Planning's Board decision was not discussed at the Board of Selectmen meeting. Roberta explained that the Board of Selectmen had voted to approve being a member of Southwest Regional Planning Commission provided the Planning Board voted to pay for it.

Brenda Lashua asked why the agendas are being posted the day before the meeting. Budget hearings are posted 2 weeks in advance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Roberta made a motion to approve accounts payable and payroll for 11/27 and 12/4. Dan seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Roberta made a motion to approve the minutes for 11/20 and 12/2. Dan seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Police Chief Frank Morrill announced that Officer Tom Horne has resigned effective December 31st. He was offered a job with better pay. Tom has asked to stay on as a part time officer and the Health officer. Officer Horne did not have medical benefits; therefore the police budget will increase \$15,000 to cover the employee benefits. This is not an isolated issue there are three other agencies trying to recruit officers from Rindge. Two Officers are in an active hiring process. A three year contract is about as long as you can have an employee commit.

DRA- sponsored municipal sharing pool

Dave Duvernay requested that the Board of Selectmen approve to share our appraisals in the municipal sharing pool. It is free. Towns throughout the state will have information to compare houses when doing abatements. It will be strictly for municipal employees and revaluation people.

Roberta made a motion to join the DRA sponsored municipal sharing pool. Dan seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor

Map 3 lot 39

Arnie Cursliss needs permission to build a non-primary structure on land where there is no primary structure. Chief Donovan and Dave Duvernay would like the building fee to be reconsidered. In 1988 the building was taken off the tax card. This building does not have a septic system, sleeping quarters, power or heat. The building permit fee would only be around \$80. Rick cannot issue a building permit due to the zoning. The Board of Selectmen need to approve the building permit being issued without putting in sanitary or water.

Dan made a motion to allow Mr. Cursliss to rebuild his structure with a building permit, paying the full fee. Roberta seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Webpage

The demonstration with Mainstay Technologies was a success. The department heads were very impressed. Mainstay can pull all the information from the current webpage to the new webpage.

Dan made a motion to contract with Mainstay Technologies. Roberta seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Telephones

Fairpoint just sent us a new proposal for the phone contract starting January 1st which is lower than the last proposal.

Dan made a motion to go with the Fairpoint contract for phone service. Roberta seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Phone systems- Roberta received more bids, still goes back to First Choice and Twin State came in. Twin State is \$2000 more but similar software. Twin State maintenance contract is a really large sum. Roberta will check into what maintenance cost with First Choice would be.

Dan made a motion to use First Choice for telephone systems in the Town office. Roberta Seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Nicole drafted a proposed timeline for the Town Report.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Fire Department Budget Presented by Chief Rick Donovan

The wage detail line item is reimbursed completely. At one point it was only \$100 but that made the budget look overspent. Now it is up to \$3500 which is what is actually spent. Since Rick doesn't have a revolving fund he has to have this line item high so the budget looks right. Franklin Pierce needs the fire department to have detail coverage for all of their contact sports. Tom asked if the ambulance could do the Franklin Pierce details without involving the Rindge Rescue. Rick explained that the statute does not allow private entities to work without a contract with Franklin Pierce.

Contract services increased from \$4200 to \$4900 due to having a new defibrillator with the first year service contract. A water test will be done to get a better read and possibly eliminate the reverse osmosis system for something more conventional.

SCBA maintenance increased from \$1000 to \$2000 due to testing and other general maintenance of the new air packs. Rick does not have the packs and will not have them in service until 2014. This number includes the purchases of 6 spare masks.

Dues and subscriptions line item is being lowered this year because Rick canceled the magazines we weren't reading.

Diesel fuel line item Rick increased to \$8500 due to always being overspent. This year Rick has spent \$8600 on diesel fuel.

Rick can only budget for the current membership; he never knows who will join or who will quit.

To replace three sets of gear a year it will be about \$7500.

Mutual aid dispatch increased \$4000. This number is not a set number yet.

Forest fire wages have decreased and Call member wages have increased a little.

Money is being saved when Marie comes in on a part time basis to catalogue data instead of a full crew staying after the call.

Tom doesn't understand why we are budgeting for 20 hours for Marie's position when she works 15 hours a week. The call wage is still over \$48,000 for the year.

The training line item consists of ongoing EMS training which is 2.5 hours a month. Rick would like to eliminate the monthly meeting (make it quarterly) and do just monthly trainings. There is ongoing education that needs to continue happening.

Overtime is reduced since Rick has been using call members to fill in for fulltime members. There is 271 inspections that are done through the building department. Schools must be inspected by December 15th.

Emergency services can charge if the call involved DWI, threatening suicide or anything negligent. The fire department is reimbursed for false alarms.

Emergency management is staying flat. Emergency response plan does need to be updated. We currently have spent \$203. There are three emergency management trailers The fire department has been paying for the maintenance on the trailers, Rick is now putting it into the Emergency Management budget. The equipment item under the Emergency Management budget will be \$5500 and add a trailer maintenance line item for \$300. The equipment line item is used to buy cones, barricades, sand etc.

Cellphone line item

The Town pays for 5 smartphones with unlimited talk text and data, 2 basic phone lines and 1 cell phone for the trash truck. There are annual stipends to the police officers. The total cell phone bill \$6,840.

There is one hotspot that is in the Tahoe.

Elections are up due to there being an extra election this year.

The Tax Collector's budget increased due to contract services (New Copier).

The Town Clerk increased in dog licensing due to more animals and increased in contracted services (New Copier). The meetings line item increased due to the town clerks conference in the fall.

Treasurer budget consists of annual stipends and dues

\$801 is dues for the various memberships Helene is involved with. Sam thinks we should pay for the \$275 for the CPA and not the other memberships.

Assessing the wages line item has dropped due to the amount of hours that Dave actually works.

Operating line item has decreased due to the maps being redone this year.

History operating budget is flat.

Public health and wages is flat.

Patriotic purposes budget is staying the same. Roberta wants to increase the patriotic another \$1000.
Bond principal and interest is staying the same. We shouldn't need any TANS this year and we are down to 14 payments.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / COMMUNICATION

We received the Pilot (Payment in lieu of taxes) from Toah Nipi.

As of November 22 there are 66 customers with the fiber connection through FastRoads.

Medical resource hospital service agreement-

Adjournment