

Selectmen's Meeting – April 6, 2010

Present were Selectmen Nancy L. Carlson, Bruce L. Tatro and Deborah J. Davis. Also present was Town Administrator Elizabeth Fox.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman Carlson.

Financial Matters. Selectmen reviewed and approved accounts payable and payroll manifests.

CodeRed Policy. Selectmen reviewed and adopted a policy relative to the CodeRed notification system – Attachment #1. Selectmen queried regarding system protocol when a busy signal was encountered.

ALS Monitors – Warrant Article #5, Town Meeting 2010. Selectmen reviewed leasing alternatives approving a proposal from Philips to finance the purchase over 5 years with an annual payment of \$8,449.50. Equipment will be acquired from Bound Tree Medical with a purchase price of \$37,486. Chairman Carlson was authorized to execute the financing application on behalf of the Town.

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIb, Hiring – Police Department. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 6:35 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIb to consider hiring of a full time officer. Present were Police Chief Rich Busick and Town Administrator Elizabeth Fox. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 7:14 p.m. voting by roll call to seal the minutes of the session until the conditions of the offer of employment authorized are satisfied.

Police Department. Chief Busick reported briefly to Selectmen on the LEEDA conference attended the previous week.

HB 1579. Concerns regarding the negative impacts on communicating with citizens, transparency of government and responsiveness of government were expressed by Selectmen, Busick and Fox relative to this legislative proposal. Selectmen authorized communication of those concerns and opposition to the bill as drafted to Senator Kelly.

Brown Field. DPW Director Dunham met with Selectmen providing an additional price for moving of the lighting panel at the field. Discussions regarding that additional price raised several questions needed to be address before determining how to proceed.

Paving Bids 2010. Dunham reviewed with Selectmen concerns regarding whether the hot and cold mix package should be put out as one bid package or two. Specifications for the cold mix portion were reviewed. Whether the cold mix portion can be an option in the bid versus a separate bid will be investigated.

DPW Vehicles. Dunham reported that Truck 31 had required brake work to pass inspection totaling \$1,911.37. Selectmen after discussion of the work performed approved the expenditure.

Pending Projects. Status of several pending matters including work on Ash Hill Road, work needed related to the Wilson Pond Dams and beautification of the Page Court closure were discussed.

Homestead Cemetery Stone Wall Damage. DPW Director Dunham advised that discussions between the responsible party and the vendor who had provided a price to do the repair work had resolved the dispute regarding the costs to repair the damage. A public hearing to accept and authorize expenditure of the anticipated insurance proceeds (in excess of \$5,000) will be scheduled.

Rules of Procedure. Selectmen reviewed an updated draft containing proposed amendments querying regarding whether further amendment to address the open space committee's Selectmen's ex-officio member should be considered. Staff will investigate and draft changes if required. Following that work, a clean copy will be provided to members for final consideration before scheduling of a public hearing.

Duties of the boards and committees and how to communicate about work related to those duties in the organization was discussed.

Non-public session – RSA 91-A:3IIa, Town Hall. Selectmen voted unanimously by roll call to go into non-public session at 8:20 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIa. Present was Town Administrator Beth Fox. Selectmen came out of non-public session at 8:40 p.m. voting by roll call to seal the minutes of the session indefinitely.

Cheshire TV Agreement. Staff reviewed points considered during negotiations to date and matters outstanding.

Future Agenda Items/Pending Matters etc. Selectmen and Fox discussed how to improve the utility of this task list reviewing the current list and noting some items as complete, some as almost complete, some a no longer under consideration discussing others that need to be added.

Consent Agenda. Selectmen reviewed, approved and executed the following consent agenda items:

- RSA 31:95-b, Accepting and expending insurance proceeds of \$1,476.37 toward repair of the SRO car involved in an accident in January in the high school parking lot.
- Raffle Permit #2010-10.
- Event Permit #2010-5, #2010-6 & #2010-7 subject to receipt of certificates of insurance for permits #2010-6 & 7.
- Intent to Cut, Supplemental – Tax Map 59 Lot 2.
- Timber Tax Warrant, \$7,084.14.
- Intent to Cut – Tax Map 59 Lot 1, Tax Map 75 Lot 3, Tax Map 38 Lot 4 & 5, Tax Map 38 Lot 8 and Tax Map 83 Lot 1.
- Confirmation of Appointment of M. Matson to Recreation Committee.
- Approval or denial of property tax exemption and credit applications TY 2010 – Attachment #2.

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Selectmen approved as written the minutes of the board meeting of March 30, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator