

Selectmen's Meeting – January 31, 2012

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

Chairman Tatro called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

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

Town Report 2011. Selectmen considered content for their annual report to the community and dedication proposals.

Carpenter Home Renovations. Selectmen met with DPW Director Lee Dunham who updated members on development of a work plan to implement approval by the state of plans to construct an additional resident room. Costs developed to date and estimates of manpower required were reviewed. For comparison purposes, Selectmen requested at least one quote for contracting out the work. Need to compress the time period required for the renovations to minimize disruption at the home was discussed.

Department of Public Works. Dunham advised that the loader had been repaired so it could be used without causing damage to the machine. Efforts to develop information for Selectmen to consider whether repair or replacement was recommended are ongoing.

Budget 2012. Dunham advised that mild winter conditions supported moving to deliberative session with the department budget recommended by Selectmen as a result of the January 12th budget hearing. He provided Selectmen with cost estimates for work recommended to sections of Eaton Road (\$18,000) and Matthews Road (\$10,000).

Fire Department. Fox advised that Engine 2 remained out of service and that a report summarizing assessment of the problem was pending.

Undesignated Fund Balance Policy. Selectmen adopted policy aimed at incorporating provisions to comply with GASB #54 into the town's existing policy – Attachment #1.

MRSD Schedule of Payments. Selectman Carlson provided the board with a report of the payment efforts of other district towns.

55 Denman Thompson Highway. Selectmen discussed the lack of action since their correspondence requesting clean up. To move forward utilizing statutory legal processes, additional research into property ownership in the area is required. Selectmen will be updated once complete.

Deliberative Session. Selectmen reviewed the warrant assigning responsibility for warrant articles at the deliberative session.

CDBG Application – Keene WWTP Upgrades and Improvements. Selectmen were advised that an application seeking \$300,000 (\$275,000 to be put toward the project and \$25,000 for administration) had been submitted.

Purchase of Electricity. Pursuant to authority granted by the Board, Fox advised a contract for purchase of electricity through Constellation had been signed that date locking in a rate of .0634 from July 2012 to June 2013. Current PSNH rate is .0831.

Upcoming School District Meeting – February 11th. Selectmen discussed the upcoming meeting and preparation for the warrant article seeking support of the SRO program.

Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of January 24, 2012. Selectmen approved the minutes of their meeting of January 24, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Elizabeth A. Fox
Town Administrator