

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
with Board of Finance
Thursday, March 11, 2010

Board of Selectmen Present

Gerald D. Stomski, First Selectman
Barbara Perkinson, Selectman
George W. Hale, Selectman

Board of Finance Present

Debra Tietz, Chairman
Deborah Fuller
Richard Anderson
Richard Famiglietti

Absent: William Drakeley
Andrew Sherman

Also present: Muffy Gomes, Fiscal Officer
Catherine Adsitt, Town Planner
Betsey Palmer – Director of Elderly Services
Jenifer Miller – Parks & Recreation Director
Jaimie Cura – *Voices*
Rick Harrison – *Republican-American*
20± Residents

Selectman Stomski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Office Annex.

Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Proposal

130-Land Use – Catherine Adsitt, Town Planner came before the Boards to discuss her proposed budget.

Operating Budget - Training should be **\$1,200** not \$3,000

Capital Plan - \$15,000 to hire Economic Development Consultant

R. Anderson asked if the study has to be done now.

Selectman Stomski said that the Board of Selectmen will appoint a new Business and Economic Development Committee and that the Committee would need all the tools available in making their decisions. He feels they can do some of the homework on their own. There are a lot of resources that are available in Town. The new Committee could set the foundation/goals in 'town. The new Committee could set the foundation/goals first to see what can be accomplished.

D. Fuller asked if this request would be for the good of the Town.

Martin Overton, Zoning Commission Chairman, said that the Zoning Commission does not have the expertise that a consultant would have. He agrees with the request to bring in

professionals with the knowledge of what is needed, to get what the market is requesting; and to make provision to make potential businesses want to come to Woodbury. Need to act now or it will get worst if nothing is done.

In response to a question from D. Tietz regarding regulations, K. Adsitt said regulations are an on-going process. The \$15,000 could be reduced but with a compromise. Can the cost be split over a 2-year period, asked D. Tietz? Yes, replied K. Adsitt.

Catherine Adsitt left the meeting.

127 – Elderly Services – Betsey Palmer, Director, came forth to discuss her budget.

Operating Budget –

- D. Fuller questioned the need for a tax machine.
- It was discovered the Center does not have a printer capable to scan documents which in turn could be sent by email. Selectman Stomski said it would be noted that the Center's next printer will have scanning capability.
- B. Palmer noted that savings in ink cartridges will be experienced with the new copier.
- COSCO card – Find out membership cost.
- D. Fuller said the Center needs to get the word out to the residents that the Town supports the Senior Dine Program.
- The Public Building Commission is looking into hooking up to natural gas. The cost for heating would drop substantially.
- Selectman Stomski is looking into the grant stipulations regarding use of the Senior Community Center by outside groups and individuals.
- The new Senior Bus is supposed to be received in the current fiscal year. The present bus will be sold. Several towns have already made their interest known. The Town will receive \$40,000 from the grant. It is hoped that the present bus will sell for around \$18,000. Selectman Hale asked what happens to that money and was told it will go back into the General Fund. He was also told it is a matching grant and we pay for the incidentals. It is hoped the taxpayers contribution will be nothing.
- Betsey Palmer noted that the grant has a requirement that the bus is to be used for only the senior community (60 years of age or older) and handicapped adults.
- D. Fuller asked if Woodbury has looked into a strategic plan similar to Southbury. Betsey Palmer she is watching Southbury closely for success in their programs.

Betsey Palmer left the meeting.

800- Parks & Recreation – Jenifer Miller, Director, came forth to discuss her budget.

Operating Budget-

- Phones are up because of an error in last year's budget.
- D. Fuller expressed her concern with overrunning a budget. Does someone approve the overrun? Yes. She also asked if they (Parks & Rec) can cover any overruns with their budget.
- Heat, Light & Water – J. Miller said the Three Rivers building is not insulated.

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- J. Miller was asked to look at money generated be used to cover overages. J. Miller was told to work on breaking even with programs. She said she needs money up front to get some programs started. Interest was moved to the General Fund. D. Fuller said the taxpayers need to have a voice in the use of the funds. D. Tietz disagreed – move the funds to the General Fund for the Town to make the decision on its use. Selectman Hale said if someone pays for a Parks & Rec program, the money should go to Parks & Recreation for the programs. D. Tietz – we need to know how the funds are used. Selectman Stomski said the Parks & Rec Department is charging to cover costs. D. Tietz said the Board needs to know how the funds are used.
- In regards to heat, light and water, D. Tietz asked what impact was experienced due to the 4-day work week and what figures are being used for this year's cost. M. Gomes said the savings were minimal and should not affect this year's figures.
- Fireworks – The 2010-11 fiscal year budget includes the final payment for the September 2010 fireworks and the deposit for the 2011 fireworks display.

Capital Plan

FY 2010-11

- Field Refurbishment (Hollow/Three Rivers/Strong) (\$10,000)
- Pavers for Three Rivers Parking Area (\$10,000/annually)
- Gate for entrance to Three Rivers from Judson Avenue (\$5,000) high wish
- Multipurpose Recreational Pad for skate/ice skating (\$15,000) - J. Miller said they have property in mind for this project, as well as some areas that have already been approved. It was suggested to have the kids come up with the funding.
- Complete fencing around Hollow Pond (\$10,000) - Safety issue.
- Fencing along the Jacks Bridge Road Parking area (\$5,000)
- Development of Scratchville Road fields - Look at using Town crew to do work. Take off list.
- Well and Pump for Pond (\$5,000) Selectman Stomski gave an overview of the problem.
- J. Miller said the tennis Courts are on an indefinite hold.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

FILED SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Anderson
Clerk