

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2010

Present: Gerald D. Stomski, First Selectman
Barbara K. Perkinson, Selectwoman
George W. Hale III, Selectman

Also present: Carol Bacon, John Hardisty, Dan and Jean Carnese, Joe Donato, Martha Sherman, Peter Perkinson

Selectman Stomski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Shove Building Conference Room

Privilege of the Floor – No one came forward.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2010 regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen with the following correction:
Page 1, Privilege of the Floor – Michele Ecsedy’s comment should read “I feel the Region 14 Board of Education has the right to make the decision of what age students attend each facility. I personally don’t mind either way, it’s just that the Region 14 Board of Education has the right to decide, under Board of Education By-laws, not the public.”
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Appointments/Resignations

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded the following reappointments to the Open Space Strategy and Implementation Committee for terms to expire January 2, 2012: Sharon Feeley, Katherine Campbell, Frederick Leavenworth, Reed Bertolette, Jeffrey Whan and David Taylor.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Acceptance of Donations

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to accept with gratitude a contribution to the Police Trailer Fund from Dietrich Gardens LLC in the amount of \$100. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

Bids/Contracts - None

Capital Projects Update

Selectman Hale had asked Selectman Stomski to give an update on Capital projects. Selectman Stomski misunderstood what he wanted and will do so for the next meeting. Selectman Stomski said he asked the Public Building Commission to review all of the Town buildings and look at painting the outside of the Library, Shove and Police buildings.

Budget Matters

Tax Collection Rate – Selectman Stomski was given the following figures by the Tax Collector – Tax collection to date – 98.97%; Last year to date – 98.15%

Budget Process

- Review the present budgets
- Board of Finance has sent letters to Department Heads asking for zero increase.
- Review the budgets from Departments and then forward them to the Board of Finance.
- Budget is presented at May Annual Town Meeting and then goes to referendum.
- Board of Finance sets the mil rate.

The list of dates for the budget reviews is being prepared.

At first review, the first three months of the present budget had deficiencies with line items running in the red. Department heads made cuts as required and are now running into problems. The request for flat budgets is unobtainable by some departments because of the cuts. Some increases will be due to insurance increases, revenue down, etc.

Selectman Stomski reviewed some possible revenue programs – sale of wood chips and mulch at the Transfer Station; charge maintenance fee to use Parks & Recreation fields. Found out that both the Town and the sports organizations are fertilizing the fields, thus additional mowing that was not budgeted.

Selectman Hale asked if the Town will be receiving Town Aid for Roads funding from the State. There is no money for TAR grants this year, advised Selectman Stomski. STEAP grants will be available and will be getting reimbursed this year. Selectman Stomski will ask the Fiscal Officer for a report on the status of State funding and Town Aid Road status.

Selectman Stomski noted that the tractor for the Landfill/Public Works was fixed for around \$5,000 and is in use.

Correspondence

- Letter from CIRMA stating the Town of Woodbury has been selected as a 2010 CIRMA Risk Management Achievement Award recipient. Woodbury is being recognized in the category Establishing Risk Management as an Organizational Priority for its efforts to

implement and utilize cost controlling best practices to reduce and control workers' compensation losses.

- Notice from Nana Sledzieski who is submitting an application to open a Montessori preschool and kindergarten in the Fellowship Hall of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, 3 Church Street. The Town is receiving a notice because of being an adjoining property owner.

Executive Session – Legal Matters

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss legal matters. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

MOTION: Selectman Hale moved and Selectman Perkinson seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

FILED SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Anderson
Clerk