

Voted and approved 03-09-10

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

7:00 PM at Town Hall Meeting Room

Present: David McDougall, Chairman
Douglas Blanchard, Vice Chairman
Michael Phelan
Jess Dods
Ann Roy

Also Present: Diana Schindler, Town Administrator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Call to Order

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE

7:00 P.M. TREASURER/COLLECTOR, KRISTIE SHEA RE: Budget

Ms. Shea updated the board regarding the fire pumper truck. Ms. Shea stated her expense budget is level funded from last year as requested by the Board and the Finance committee. She inquired about the wages. The Board stated they have not asked for the wages at this time.

Ms. Shea also stated the Hampshire Council of Government sent a request to the town to see if we will commit to a four year membership and they would give the town a reduced assessment. Ms. Schindler stated this is to be voted at Town Meeting and they would be saving \$1500.00 a year.

There was discussion regarding the Health Insurance and Life Insurance. Ms. Schindler stated health insurance begins in April and the town's budget calculates in June. Ms. Shea stated the Medicare will increase every year, it is currently under budget, so for FY2011 she increased it by \$8,000.00, which should be enough for the Town portion of Medicare. There was discussion about paying off the bonds for the Library ahead of time. Ms. Shea is to look into when the contract was originally drawn up and to see if there will be a penalty in paying off early and to research if they can do this legally and if they have to the funds to do so.

Ms. Schindler stated they are waiting for the Certified Financial Report from the auditors who should provide that within a week or two.

7:30 P.M. TOWN CLERK, EILEEN COUTURE RE: Budget

Mrs. Couture updated the boards regarding the Town Clerk's and Board of Registrars expense line for FY2011.

Mrs. Couture stated there are three elections for 2010.

There was a question if they can have the Town election on the same day as the State Election. Ms. Schindler stated she will explore this.

8:00 P.M. POLICE CHIEF, DAVID SILVERNAIL RE: Budget

Chief Silvernail went over each line item in detail with the Finance Committee and the Select Board.

The Chief asked when they are going to be discussing the wage portion of the budget FY11.

Diana stated they planned on discussing the wages the first week in March and they plan to have the dept heads there at that time at meeting along with the Finance Committee.

I. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Nothing at this time

II. BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

Upcoming Events/Meetings

- Select Board Meeting February 16th and 23rd, March 9th and 23rd

Selectman Dods asked the Board if there were any volunteers for the Annual Doctor Seuss Read a Thon to be held at the Edwards Library on March 6th from 10 am to 12pm. The members will check their schedules and get back to Karen at the Library.

Selectman Dods asked if we have received any responses to the community gardens. Ms. Schindler stated no.

Ms. Schindler informed the Board she would like to explore the idea of using a town seal that could be used as a banner for special occasions.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Feasibility Study

At Annual Town Meeting of June 17, 2008 "Article three: town vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Community Preservation Surcharges – Historical Preservation account to the Board of Select for the purpose of funding a feasibility study to determine future use and viability of the current Southampton town Hall and police Station located at 8 East Street an historic preservation project."

Ms. Schindler passed out a draft Scope of Services for the Board and for Chief Silvernail to review. Ms. Schindler stated the Building Reuse committee is interested in being the Committee for this process as well. She stated they could do a change order or have a designer do the study. She drafted a Scope of Service based on concern (to identify the use component and structural component).

Chief Silvernail stated he gathered information from businesses that take 100 year old buildings and convert them into modern police departments and the costs varied from 10,000 to 16,000 to make that determination based on that they might be able to encompass into the police department. Chief suggested reaching out to those firms.

Selectman Phelan stated his concerns if the police take over the building it may be too much square feet for them. Can the town afford the building; is the town willing to make sacrifices to keep the building? How many square feet do they need? What is the cost per square foot to convert to a multiuse or police station? How much would it be for a new construction verses rehabbing this building?

How much will it cost to bring this building to code? How much does a public safety complex cost new, and how cheap can we build as opposed to renovating this one.

MOTION: To go with the Scope of Services as outlined in the draft pending the approval of Chief Silvernail. (PHELAN, DODS)

Voted and approved 4-0

Ms. Schindler stated the Building Reuse Committee are meeting February 18th.

Transfer Station Fees

Ms. Schindler stated at their last meeting they had a discussion regarding transfer station revenue and the possibility of raising fees. She put together a breakdown of possible increases there are thirteen hundred homes with stickers, if they raise the fee to ten dollars it would be 13,000. She computed the bag fee of one bag per week use. There was a discussion of do they raise the bag fee or the permit fee. It was decided to hold a public hearing on February 23rd at Town Hall Meeting Room, at 7:30 p.m. to gather information from the public and to let the public decide. Ms. Schindler stated she will recalculate the breakdown prior to the hearing and she will put notices up at the Landfill.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. OTHER CORRESPONDENCE AND SIGNATURES

VI. MINUTES OF MEETINGS, APPROVAL & SIGNATURES

No minutes at this time

Signatures for Notes for Borrowing (Fire Pumper Truck) (10)
\$264,599.00 ten year at 4.25% payable at maturity.

MOTION: To sign the Notes for Borrowing for the Fire Pumper Truck (PHELAN, ROY)

Voted and approved 4-0

Signature for Certificate of Town Clerk (1)

MOTION: To sign the Certificate of Town Clerk (PHELAN, ROY)

Voted and approved 4-0

The notes and the certificate were signed in front of Town Clerk.

VII. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC

Nothing at this time

9:00 P.M. EXECUTIVE SESSION M.G.L. CHAPTER 39, §23B #3 Union Contract

MOTION: To go into executive session (PHELAN, ROY)

Roll call vote: BLANCHARD – AYE; PHELAN – AYE; DODS – AYE; ROY – AYE

Vice Chairman Blanchard announced they will not reopen into regular session.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 0:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Regina Shea-Sullivan

This meeting was video recorded.